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Bank of Montreal

Hamilton 16 Aug 1881

Received from W Kerr

on account of Fisheries

the sum of Forty 00/100 dollars

which amount will appear at the RECEIVER GENERAL'S credit with this Bank.

Signed in Triplicate,

Ent'd. [illegible]

G A Garrison

Accm.

A large number of receipts such as the above were found in the Kerr Diaries. These are kept separately in the Archives of the Royal Ontario Museum.

Fishery Overseers Office.--
Hamilton. 9. June 1881.--

Sir.

I am in receipt of yours of 3rd inst., in which you reply to my report of 30th ultimo, thus: "returning W. B. Woollards license, and submitting a "revised schedule of fishery Licenses to be issued "for Toronto Harbour, Oshbridges Bay, and the Don "and Humber River, during the present season".-

I now make, and recommend the following remarks, and suggestions thereon.--

In reply. I am very sorry indeed, to find, that my report of the 30th of May last, is so misunderstood by you; And by your referring back again to this revised list of licenses; for 1881, or portions of year 1881;- I copied from this list you sent me, and on which my remarks are based.-- I have made no application for fishing licenses to be issued for Toronto Harbour, Oshbridges Bay, the Don, and the Humber River, during the present season; Hanlan, Ward and Gray excepted, and who are approved of: why then! refer to those things? which reflect on me, and give me pain of mind.

I have distinctly understood, that so soon as W. B. Woollards license, the only license then in existence, was given up, all licenses for year 1881, in Oak Bridges Bay, were at an end for the year 1881,- and for all time to come.--

There is at present no license in existence for Toronto Harbour, if, except the Seine fishing (in Spring) at the Island, near the gap, which is about 1½ Miles, from the Harbour proper, in Block House bay, which is about 1½ Miles from the Harbour also; And at Hanlan's point.

To W. F. Whitcher Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa.-

Mark from the Mouth to Blook House Bay, and Hen-
lees point is about 4. miles; and there is no licence to-
exist in Don Crown point", to fish in this intermediate
space; and I want none, and the Citizens of Toronto
want none, and I again do express myself in this
report. -- There was no licence issued by the de-
partment, for to fish. plots in the Don, for year 1881,
and the licences to fish fish plots in the Humber,
have expired, and I dont want you to renew
them. --

No: 1. of your letter says: - "In accordance with
your recommendation the W. B. Woolens will
not be charged any licence fee". -

I agree with you in this, as it is a simple
act of Justice. --

No: 2. of your letter. -- I agree with all this! --
And now recommend that no licences for Net fishing
be allowed on Toronto Island, except in Block House
bay, at Scanlan's point, and in front of the Life Boat
station. -- "The Band fishing, is not on Toronto Is-
land; altho' in Toronto Bay; and from the Head,
to the nearest point of Toronto Island, on South
west side of gap is about a mile, and there is
fully 8 miles of the Island frontage, from the
gap, up to Block House bay, and Scanlan's point;

No: 3. - You say: "It is difficult to understand on
"what grounds you can recommend the renewal
"of David Wards licence from the Don Bridge,
"to Block House bay, which indeed seems the most
"objectionable feature in the whole scheme". -

In reply to this, I must reluctantly contradict you.
as I never applied, never intended, and I never recom-
mended a renewal of David Wards licence from
the Don Bridge, to Block House bay. --

The Don Bridge, has alluded to as a myth, there is no Bridge in it; please refer back again to my remarks of revised Lessons. - - -

The Road is on the west end of Ashbridges Bay, facing on the waters of Toronto Bay, and so is the Inlet, the Old Don, before there was the gap", from Toronto bay, into, and out of, Ashbridges Bay, and here a Bridge stood upwards of 40. years ago, when the Governor General of that day, used to ride and drive from Muddy York, across and over into what is now called Toronto Island; and this is the Bridge referred to, in Ward and Gray's Lease. - The gap, or cut, from the Toronto Bay, to Lake Ontario, is a stretch across of more than a mile and half, of water, which now intervenes - before you can get from the beach of Ashbridges bay, and Road, to Toronto Island, - I hope you will now understand it. -

The gap, is the entrance from Toronto bay, to Lake Ontario, east. - The reason why, I asked for a Lease bathing ground, in Toronto Bay, in front of the Rest House, where the Life Boat is Kept on the Island, immediately near the gap, is reasonable, for to this place David Ward, will soon be compelled to move his habitation, the Lake has so near approached to where he at present lives. - - -

Now while the good Citizens of Toronto, for whom I always entertain the highest esteem and warm attachment; while always appreciate your kindness in granting for them ample, large and good reasons for this bathing movement, in which I heartily and warmly concur and agree with you; while I thought, I would, or might be remiss in my duty if in my remonstrance for these good Citizens, I omit or done anything, that might militate

against the Wind, the closest business jobbers in the Islands; who always says to me in such cases as this! "Leave the matter in your own hands, for you have always looked after our interest."—

And provided you allow Lewis fishing at limited seasons, here in front of this Boat House, in Toronto Bay, there will be still 3 miles of a stretch of Bay shore, with bays, and ponds and inlets of water flow and having access to Toronto Bay;—and where I now recommend no Net fishing whatever shall be carried on, before you reach Block House Bay; this frontage of the Island, on the " ing the City of Toronto, is being rapidly built - with Summer residences, and Club Houses, &c, and within which is to be laid out the Island Park, and pleasure grounds, bounding on Block House bay. — But thus it is, that you will please see, I am entirely in accord with your own large views, working hand and heart in the same direction for the interest, and health renovating amusement of the good people of Toronto, and the fisheries. —

I have nothing but the good of the people, and the fishing interest at heart, and your welfare, in view, in these dealings. [illegible]

N.B. — In the year next [illegible] with the case of [illegible] the Superintendent [illegible] that between this and next spring you will be [illegible] with a station on a lease of [illegible] reasonable length than that granted out in your [illegible] present neighbourhood. —

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Mr. W. B. Woollcombe for this season, as he is agreeable. —
Now please give attention to what I write you!
From the gap, that is the entrance from Lake Ontario into Toronto Bay, east to the Eastern limits of the City of Toronto, is about 4 miles. — It is out in Lake Ontario, the place is, I recommended, and it is situated on the south side of Ashbridges bay, separated therefrom by a sand bar. —
From Leslieville, on the plain land, situated on Ashbridges Bay; Lay'n pleased, when he laid and fished in Lake Ontario, sailed across Ashbridges Bay, went thro' an inlet into Lake Ontario, to set, and fish his gill nets, this is what I recommended before, Mr. pleased be permitted to do. — It is what Woolcombe and Ward are at present doing under leases from the department, fishing in Lake Ontario, so that you will please procure at once there can be no longer, an objection of any kind, as you will perceive the fishing is altogether in the waters of Lake Ontario.
5. You say: — Is not the ground which you recommend should be given to Patrick Gray, the same that is often applied for, and claimed by Charles Rowe? —
In reply, I have to say, it is the same; and it has been occupied by Gray under leases for a number of years, and no question was ever raised about the fishing in this locality, and why should anybody object to do so. — —
Dear Sir Cartwright! — Is not the latter a resident in the locality, and should he not have the preference over a stranger? — In answer to this I must answer that he is by the department also entitled this fishing. To take this fishing away from Gray, and give it to Rowe, a new comer, would not look well! — and I beg most respectfully

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to state that I have repeatedly, fully reported in this case, and have no reason that for, to change my mind from what I have already reported. --

However, I may take you that during last spring Mr. Lee, who had given permission, to fish on the ground, reaped more benefit therefrom, than any one, who paid for the license. ---

5.-- "It is difficult to understand what objections you "can have to the issue of a license in favour of Mr. "Edward Haulan". -- For as this department is aware "he does not use his privilege, and simply protects the "grounds for the accommodation of his patrons, and the "benefit of the breeding fish". -

In reply to this, in the list of licenses, sent me, as already referred to, in this report, I find in the revised list made by me and sent you, that as regards Mr. Edward Haulan, or Phil Haulan, as he is familiarly known to me, thus! - "Recommend Mr. Edward Haulan's license be still continued and if need yearly". -

Now I hope this will be an all sufficient, and satisfactory report and explanation to your Queries M.

And with due respects. --

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your obedient Servant
Overseer. -
Fishing Ground

Hamilton, Ont.
10. June 1881.—

My dear Sir.—

I am in receipt of your letter of the 7th inst. asking permission for to fish on Saturday Nights - after 6 o'clock, p.m.— up to 4 or 10, p.m.?.. Because people come from the back Country for to buy fish....

I cannot do any thing for you, neither make better a single word or sentence in your letter. The same clause in your license is applicable to all duly qualified fishermen; and according to last section 14. of section 12. of the Fisheries Act. if you were to fish after 6. o'clock, p.m. on Saturday night or before 6. o'clock a.m. on the following Monday morning, you become amenable to the law; fine $20. and costs. The fish, not one least shall be forfeited.— Look at the law, as and attempt break it.— I give you this advice as a friend.— Yours &c.

Hamilton Ont.—

My dear Mr Webster. —

I sent you from Niagara, on tuesday morning last, 24 smoked white fish. I hope they arrived safe, and that they are good and palatable.. The fishing is still open & 'is there, and will be good and continue as long as this cool weather lasts,— A buyer from Buffalo, pays $6.50. per 100 fish, on tuesday morning, and on yesterday $7.— per 100 fish, I am quite persuaded there is no chance for an Ottawa dealer at 2 y a ct.—

Hamilton, the fish dealer from Buffalo, commenced by paying only $3. per 100, but raised the price every day, until I suppose they are $8.— per 100. fish to-day. I hope you, Mrs W— & family are all well, remember me kindly to— and believe me Yours truly.

Hamilton, 9. June 1881.

Copy...

Department of Marine, and Fisheries,
Fisheries Branch. —
Ottawa, 6th May 1884. —

Sir

Conformably to your suggestion, you may proceed to lay off the Lime Kilns you do in Outer Bay, Turkey Point; provided the public interests may not suffer. —

I am,
Sir
Your Obedient Servant,
W. F. Whitcher,
Commissioner of Fisheries.

J. W. Kerr Esq.
Hamilton,
Ontario.

Hamilton, Ont.
19th June 1884.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day laid off the Lime Kilns on the Outer Bay, Turkey Point, as per your instructions of the 6th inst. I have also laid off the Lime Kilns on the Inner

Copy.-

Fishery Overseer's Office...
Hamilton, 3rd June 1864.-

Sir,

Having submitted the plan of Survey, and report made by C. C. Walsh Esq. D.L. Surveyor, to the Commissioner of Fisheries, Ottawa; of fishing stations 1.2.3. and 4. in the Outer Bay of Lake Erie, at Turkey point, in the township of Charlotteville as established by him; The same has been approved of.-

You will please on receipt of this letter proceed at once to Turkey point, and establish Mrs Angelus Ferris in her fishing station No: 1, which is 550. yards frontage, east, from range stakes planted by Mr Walsh, between 1, and 2.--

Also please see Lucy Sanford, and point out to her, the limits of her fishing station No: 2, which is 550. yards frontage, as given, and staked off by Mr Walsh.-

This done, call on Mr William Nelson, and show him the boundary line and limits of fishing station No: 3, which is 550. yards frontage, his claim having been as given and staked off by Mr Walsh.

Then on to No: 4. Station, you will please call on Mr William Snook, take him up, and put him in possession of his fishing station, as now established by Mr Walsh, on the 21st of May last, you being present at the time existing Mr Walsh; you know all about the arrangement: No: 4. fishing station, is also 550 yards frontage.-

Note it is to be more hoped there will be no more complaints.- The following is a copy of the receipt by me, which you will please hand to the three fishing persons concerned, and believe me,

Yours sincerely,

To Mrs: A. Angelus Ferris
Fishery Overseer
Mr Wm. Nelson
Mr Wm. Snook

Private.

My dear Brooke.—

I wrote you on the 3rd inst: and I informed you that the Commissioner, Hon. W. F. Whitcher had approved of Mr. J. W. Walsh's plan of survey, &c. and my report.— On the 8th of June instant, I also wrote to Hon. Jas. W. McCall. Indian Guardian, G. Williams, instructing him in the matter, has he been to Turkey point? and has he put you in possession of your grounds, per New arrangement, please answer.?—

I may tell you, Matheson, Bliss; Lawyers at Simcoe, have written to Mr. Williams Solicitor, to the Whitcher, to ask if the Hon: W. Walsh, D.L. Surveyor, is acting under the instructions of the Indians dept Affairs.?— and complaining that the resistance of the late survey, has been to deprive the Heliwer, and Mrs Jarvis of the greater

see page 31.—

Fishery Overseers Office.--
Hamilton, 10. June 1881.--

Sir,

I am just in receipt of a copy of Mackenzie Bowell's letter, dated Ottawa, 4th of June 1881.- addressed to W. F. Whitcher Esq. Fisheries department, Ottawa; also:-

Dear Sir.- Mr. William Palmer of Turkey point, Co. of Norfolk has requested me to ask you, if Mr. Thomas W. Wood, Dominion Land Surveyor is acting under the instructions of your department.--

The records of the Survey has been to examine Mr. Palmer and the Deeds of the greater part of that fishing ground, and Mr. Palmer is anxious to know whether Mr. Wood carries his authority to apply until much obliged.-

Yours truly.-
Mackenzie Bowell.

The letter being referred by the department to report upon.- I have the honor to report that Mr. Thomas W. Wood, D.L. Surveyor acted for the Fisheries department in no way inconsistent with my views; and Mr. Palmer knows this. Please your Order No: 6.- herewith, and which, would have for Charles Dunn and his brothers by my order superseded their orders. Before the date may was known on the 24th May last, of Turkey point.- Mr. William Palmer, requested not that the Surveyor, whom solicitor to do so.-

My report of 24 May last enclosed the copy, and Mr. Wood's report with them.- should show you, that neither Mr. Dunn nor Mr. William Palmer, were placed in the respective positions

&c.

W. Whitcher Esq.
Superintendent of Fisheries,
Ottawa.

Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton. 10. June 1881. —

Sir

I have the honor to apply to you for Licenses for this current year, and I beg most respectfully to enclose Bank draft, No: . for the sum of Nineteen dollars $\frac{50}{100}$ to pay same.—

1. George Stephenson, Niagara.— For a Boat License to fish 100. Hooks, on lines, in Lake Ontario, in front of Dr. Stephenson's farm, township of Niagara, the amount is only. — —50 ¢

2. Messrs. John G. Thornton, and John Nesbitt, Niagara, For a Boat License to fish 1.500 yards of White fish, and 1000. yards of Herring gill Nets in Lake Ontario: To be filled up. same as Boat Licenses already issued to other Niagara fishermen". — 5.00

3. Messrs W.D. and Albert F. Webster, Niagara.— For a Boat License to fish 100 Hooks, on lines, in Niagara River, between Islands, and also Grounds, township of Niagara . — — — 1.00.

4.— St. J. Pitcher, Houghton, For Boat License, to fish 100. Hooks on lines, in Lake Erie, in front of Lot 19. South of Lake Road. — township of Houghton. — — 50 ¢

5. Lyman Stephens, Houghton. For do. do. do, in front of west 60. Rods of lot 18. — do. do. do, 3 50 ¢

6. Daniel Moore, Houghton, For do, do. do, in Front of East 30 Rods. of lot 20. do. do. do. 3 50 ¢

7.— Ephraim Rankin, Houghton, For do. do. do.— in Front of West 60. Rods, of lot 21. — South of Lake Road. 3 50 ¢

8. Albert Glover, Walsingham.— For Boat License to fish 100 Hooks, on lines, in Lake Erie, in front of East 30 Rods, of lot 18. in Broken Front. township Walsingham. — — 50 ¢

9. Albert & B. Nash, Niagara, For Boat License received and deld. 5.00.—

10. Albert Davey—Niagara: For Seine hauling ground in Lake Ontario, 600 yards parting—, situate between Mc. Nabs Harbour, and a stake planted, west, on beach the same being in township of Niagara.— Usual protection clauses in this License. — 5.00 ¢

Dr. W. H. Webster Esq. I have the honor to be, &c. &c. 18.50 ¢
Commissioner of Fisheries, Your obedient Servt.
Ottawa — Hamilton. Ont.

My dear Sir. –

Your favour, of the 2nd inst. to hand & thine in reply thereto I am glad to say, I will have to send you $7 dollars. –

In receipt of the money, I will apply to the Victoria Department at Ottawa, and obtain for you the Copy then I may take you, you can settle to the price I am sure, but for this only without a license. – –

Yours &c.

J. Griffin
Victory Company
Hamilton, Ont
10th June 1881.

My dear Sir,

Your application is received, please send me $7 dollars, and I will apply to the Victoria Department at Ottawa, and obtain for you a License, for to fish 400 yards of gill, Net in Lake Erie in front of the North Township of Grimsby. –

While you please let me know what Kind of Fish Net, you intend to fish. –

Yours truly
J. Griffin
Victory Company
Hamilton, Ont
10th June 1881.

Wm Adam Esqr
Customs Office
Grimsby

Wm Adam Esqr
Customs Office
Grimsby

My dear Sir,—

I have the
honor to enclose you herewith a
copy of a letter of Complaint made
by Lieut. [illegible] Stephens against you
which has [illegible] been sent to me
to report upon.—

As I only know this man, (Ste-
phens) what you take me, and write to
me about him. I write about you
for a basis, then you explanation
of facts in this case for the in-
formation of the Department at
Ottawa.— Kindly give me the facts
of the case

Yours
[illegible]
Acting Inspector
Dominion Police
Ottawa

[illegible]
[illegible]
Ottawa Ont

My dear Sir,—

Yours of 7th instant
duly received, with [illegible] enclosures, re appli-
cation for [illegible] permit from Mr. [illegible] for
two years, dating from [illegible]

I have sent the [illegible] copy to
[illegible] to obtain the [illegible]
application to the Commissioner for a re-
newal of your [illegible] for the current
year. On receiving the [illegible] I will
forward same to you.—

In the meantime you can [illegible]
[illegible] as there is [illegible] that you
cannot [illegible] your [illegible] to [illegible]
with [illegible] [illegible] of Mr. Stephens [illegible]

Yours
[illegible]
Acting Inspector
Dominion Police
Ottawa

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Fishery Overseers Office...
Hamilton, 1st June 1881...

Sir,

I Have the honor to receive from you the copy of a petition addressed to The Hon.ble The Minister, by James Cruikshank of Niagara, Fisherman, praying to have his Shore fishing ground that lies off Mr. Allan's, at present occupied under a license by Richard Allan Jr., Richard Allan Sr., and Robert John Allan, of the Town of Niagara, near the Two pile ground in Lake Ontario, which is in the Township of Niagara, returned to him, the said Copy of Petition, being referred by you to me for report...

In reply I have the honor to report that every thing set forth, by the petition, Cruikshank, to you as I know is strictly true and correct, and appears to me to be good and substantial reasons for your consideration...

I have always much pleasure in recommending that the Shore fishing grounds applied for, be granted, when there is no Objection, nothing else Mr. McCruikshank, his wife & Niagara say! who is known for this ground, already granted by the Department to Mssrs Richard Allan Jr. and Sr. expires which will be on the 31st of December next... This I understand is also the desire and wish of Mssrs J. A. Plumb, etc. &c. for Niagara...

Then as the Mssrs Rich.d Allan Jr. and Sr. - have to the first, when with another Shore fishing grounds. I have much pleasure in recommending that they may be given the Shore of the two grounds occupied as granted by the petition Mr. James Cruikshank, and his wife, under license for four (4) or such time as they may desire... that is the Shore from fishing on the ground first referred to, with such rights and Conditions for this season, The ground being only fished on during spring, then for each year, they may be granted such Privilege that as soon as you have no desire this Shore fishing ground to be given back to the petitioner, and his wife, which I recommend, you will be

Dr. W. F. Whitcher Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa.

pleased to do; and that I be permitted to make known officially to Mr: Allan, & our boy,— so that they too, clean, and prepare the exchange ground, this year, for fishing on next year.— With these remarks, and with due respect.—

I have the Honor to be,
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
J. W. Keefe
Fishery Overseer.

O.B.

I presume if the Hon.ble Mr: Allan & boy,— continue on fishing Bantouche ground, which cost him £60. for cleaning the same, they should pay him back £300.— However Bantouche, & his wife duly want the ground to be likewise back to them, as I have recommended.— Your respectfully.—
J. W. Keefe
Overseer.

Bantouche

Sir

Agent Indian Affairs
Miramichi

Indian Office

Hamilton, Ont.

My dear Sir

After I received your letter reporting to me that you plan at Limerick Creek, in Lake Erie, township of Walpole and County of Haldimand, would file the first claim at that place, and that you have taken $40 dollars, Ontario for the same, ready to pay in - - -

Being at Port Dover, on the 28th 29th and 30th of May last, I visited Limerick filing station on the 27th of May last; there your Licences then, Sept 28 Jones Lee Ross, W. J. Rowling, and you then I knew their business Location in your power plot filing - - I found one power filing, stakes driven for a second pot or claim, to be made in your filing at half rate of $20 dollars. -

Having reported the matter to the Commissioner of Fisheries, Ottawa, and asked for instructions, in such half season

(1.)

Limerick, Ont. I suppose being the Dominion Government office, I now address the Minister (Spy) instructions to me, and have to request that you will be pleased to remit to me the sum of Eighty dollars, and I will hand you back my claim, your Licence for the first two years. - -

You will please excuse me for not replying to your letter sooner, but was more favorable any sooner for me. -

Yours very respectfully,
D. McArthur,
Fishery Inspector,
Hamilton, Ont.
11. June 1884. -

W. B. Ross Esq
Maplehurst. -
Simcoe, Ont.

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Hamilton, Ont.

Gentlemen.—

I have to state for your information, that on the 27th of May last, I was at Manitoba township of Wolfe, and County of Haldimand; and I secured in Lake Erie, two gaspereau fishing.— Further down in Lake Erie, I observed stakes driven for two fyke nets: Not being able to see the men, whom I knew were at the stakes driven for the outer fyke; and as those three fykes were to be fished by you, as your property; Two fykes to be fished for the entire season of 20, nothing and one fyke for the season 20. do.— I communicated with the Commissioner of Fisheries, Ottawa,— on the subject, and I enclose you his decision in the matter, so as to prevent all misunderstanding in the premises taking place at any time, between you, and I.—

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The yearly fee of $40. for each fyke must be paid.—

Should I not hear from you to the contrary of $120. dollars,— on or before the 1st of June next, I will issue your License, by return mail.—

Should in doing this I beg to refer you to my letter of the 27th of May last, on the same subject of License for N. E. Lot which you secured by the 1st May, Fishing Fishing — at Port Dover, on the 28th of May last, you would then be on the Ground.—

Believe me Gentlemen.—

Your obedient servt.

Wilkie

Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton, Ont.

11. June 1884.

Messrs H. & Brierley,—
and Mr. J. Allen,—
Owners Net Fisheries
Port Dover.—

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Copy.

Department of Marine & Fisheries
Fisheries Branch.
Ottawa, 10th June 1891.

Sir,

With reference to your report of 1st inst. That there be no Bay Licences issued to persons not fishermen in Lake Erie? - in advance of same you will please collect the fees for as will permit set in Norfolk District, whether set during the whole season or not. -

I am,
Sir,
Your Obedt Servt,
W. H. Whitcher.
Superintendent of Fisheries.

W. H. Noble Esq.
Hamilton,
Ontario.

2.

Ref. to Aberdeen Home, and Dorcas Inlet
Quail Net Fisheries. Letter to
Township of Rainham, -

Gentlemen, -

I beg to advise you of
the receipt of letter dated Fisheries Branch, Ottawa, 6th inst. 1891.
[illegible] applying for, and obtained for you
Licences from the Fisheries Department, Ottawa,
for the gill nets formerly, single fyke or leads, in
Lake Erie, in front of Lots Nos: 1 & 2 & 3 & 4. in
the Township of Rainham and County of Hal-
dimand during this current year. - -

My instructions are from the department,
to collect the dues on receiving the licence
for the fishery. - -

There can be no abatement made, for
those parties not fishermen, who have driven
stakes, with the intention of fishing more panels,
with gill nets, under the half dozen licences, they
have to pay the full sum of $40. for every
panel they fish. - hoping the above to be -
and with my warm regards. - Yours. W. H.
Hamilton Ont. 12. June 1891. Whitcher Esq. Inspector

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Hamilton, Ont.

Gentlemen.-

Having been informed by some fishermen that fishermen, in Lake Erie, Norfolk Division; that it was their intention to fish two of their fyke nets in the Pass fishing; when they would only pay for seven times. - I reported the same to the Commissioner of Fisheries and I now beg to furnish you with that Gentlemans decision for your guidance, and that no difficulties may happen hereafter during the season between you and I, And with my regards and Kind respects, believe me,

Yours Sincerely.

Supt. J. W. Stewart,
Port Dover Ont.
Comm. Net Inspectors,
Port Dover, Ont.

Thos. Higgins.
Hamilton, Ont
11th June 1884.

Copy.

Department of Marine & Fisheries.
Fisheries Branch,
Ottawa, 10th June 1884.

The recommendation made in your report of 1st instant, "that there be no duty Thomas issued to fishermen fishermen in Lake Erie," is approved of, and you will please collect the full fee on all fyke nets set in the Norfolk division, whether set during the close season or not. -

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
A. W. Wheler
Commissioner of Fisheries.

J. W. Stewart Esq.
Hamilton,
Ontario.

Hamilton, Ontario,
13. June 1881.—

My dear Sir,

I received your 25 dollars, balance of back Licence fee in force for year 1880.—
I have your Licence for this current season of 1881.— for Messrs Thomas and John Wesley Ramsay.— for to fish Three pounds, in Lake Erie between Point Abino, and Rose point in the township of Bertie, and County of Welland.— The Licence fee is as usual $50. per pound, say $200. dollars, for the Three pounds for year 1881... Rest if you pay up at once. I will recommend that your licence be made $40. per pound; say $160. dollars for the Four pounds for year 1881.— —

You are aware, that my Orders, to issue no licence, until I first receive the money.— I hope you are getting abundance of fish.— Remember me kindly to Mrs Ramsay.
Herbert, Yr. sincerely, Yours, Yr. Ob.
J. W. Ramsay Esqre J. W. Kerr. Fishery Overseer

Hamilton, Ontario
14. June 1881.—

My dear Sir,—

Write you please find here with by this 1st day, the following 4 Licences: viz 5/5
1. W. J. Mickelson,— Houghton.—
2. Edward Stephens,— do.—
3. Daniel Moore,— do.—
4. Ephraim Bucker,— do.—

This afternoon, I received from you, a list of Ten persons, in which I find the Names of these four persons,— and you, applying evidently for the same Fishing Limits.— Have you made a mistake? Answer!.
5. Albert Glover, Wainfleet.—
6. Blanks inclosed, to the respective persons,— And believe me,—

Yours, Yr. J. W. Kerr.—
Fishery Overseer,

Owen Ramsay Esq
J. Guardian. Esq

Sir. Hamilton, 13th June 1881.--

I Have the honor to send you herewith, Bank draft No: 150. for the sum of Thirty five dollars.- Which you be pleased to apply this amount as follows: for this current season:-

1. Mr David Fitch, Burlington Beach: For White fish Seine hauling license in Lake Ontario, already received, and delivered.- $10.00

2. Mr Alexander Rollo, do.-- For do. do. do. do. do. $10.00.-

3. Mrs Ann Glendenning, Burlington Beach. For a Mesh License to fish 1,000 yards of White fish in Lake Ontario, and 1,000. Herring, and Trout gill Nets in Lake Ontario, in front of the Burlington Beach, and the township of Saltfleet.- No gill nets to be set out after 6. o'clock on saturday, nor be taken out before before 6. o'clock, a.m. on the following Monday morning in each week.- Nor gill nets shall not be set within 2. miles of a Seine hauling ground the amount is.- please send me license.---$5.00

4. Mr David Fitch, Burlington Beach; For a Mesh license to fish 1000 yards of White fish, and 1500. yards of Herring gill nets in do, do, do.- $5.00

5, Richard Shaffe, Burlington Beach; For Mesh license, to fish 1500 yards of White fish gill Net, and 1000 yards of Herring gill Nets in do, do, do, $5.00

Total.- $35.00

6. Mr Alexander Rollo, B. Beach; For a Mesh License to fish 300 yards of Trout, 1,000. White fish, and 3.000 yards of Herring gill nets in do, do, do.-

The amount will be $5, dollars.-

Dear with due respect,

I Have the Honor to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

John W. Kerr, Inspector.

W. H. Whitcher, Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries.-
Ottawa,

Fishery Overseer's office.—
Hamilton, 1st June 1881.——

Sir.

I have the honor to state for your information, that when I came back from Turkey point to Port Dover, I took a run down the shore of Lake Erie, on last Friday, to reconnoitre, and find out how found Nets preparations for fishing this season, are progressing in Lake Erie, in the townships of Walpole and Rainham.

I have now in the first place to report, that Messrs Ainsley and Allen, of Port Dover, applied for a license for 2 pounds this season, on their grounds.—This license you have already sent me, amount is $60. dollars.——

Last Friday I found one pound at Nanticoke, fishing in Lake Erie, and piles and stakes driven, further east, in L. for two pounds more, which will be 3 pounds instead of two, as originally applied for, by Mr. Allen, and granted by the department.—I had no boat to get out, where I could see men, Mr. Allen, and his crew I believe, putting in the pot, at the extreme end of the stakes, which appears were all driven; whilst about the centre, stakes was driven for another pot.—From what I saw, and learned afterwards, the third pound, altho' the stakes are driven, is only intended to be fished for fa. the season, at $20.— an arrangement instituted by Mr. Ainsley, in which pound Net fishermen, have everything their own way, as appearances indicate, and, I have heard, and lead me to suppose.—As I do not approve of this method of doing business, I bring the matter under your personal notice and attention, and for your decision.—When Mess. Ainsley and Allen, take possession of the grounds, "fishing grounds" by driving piles, or stakes in a straight or straight line, for fishing two pounds, two of which I learn they intended paying free license for, say: $40. dollars, for the season, the other they intend paying only $20. for, without even consulting me, or the department on the subject, by neither an application for, permission to do so, — or otherwise, so that

it is about time, that I should submit this case for your consideration, and decision, and which is, what I have now the honor to do. You will please remember Frank Jenkins of Ark Dover, applies for license to sell 4 pounds, this season, in like his, he paid his Clerk's dues of 10 dollars, he only citizen selling 3 pounds, in the early part of the season, the 4th pound will be put in, and sold by him, later on in the season; this he has asked for abatement of his license. Yes!

We met Phil. M. Dinsley, and Allen, a year similar to Jenkins case; both being the same State of circumstances for your consideration that they be paid for two licenses, since to sell not 2 pounds in the State. any one, as Jenkins Allen should pay the same as the party has of 120 dollars each of you

This is all I have to say at present, in this case of Phil. Dinsley, and Allen.

Now I have to report, that Jacobs who is held his at Lenark Court, Phil. M. J. of Reading, was charged, when I was there, was dismissed; I was told for 2 years. from the U. S. Court of Indian, the privilege of selling 2 pounds, at this place; Indian according to their statement to me, for this season, 1/2 for the department, 1/4, for white season, for two pounds this; this 1/2 is, for the season, for another pound this. - This application for, is along with this State, to be paid by Phil. M. J. Reading, and Jenkins the Clerk, 1/2 dollars

Besides this amount of 1/2, they pay the U. S. Court 1/2 a year, and 1/2 more for a New Land Plat, and to keep Mills in order and repair at their expense. - -

I applied to the department (I believe they thought I was dead when, before me) for license to sell 2 pounds in this case. - I had good substantial reasons for making the application. - But I considered before I would apply for you, I would communicate with the U. S. Court.

himself on the subject. - His reply was for what he
pleased - after he had sent to Plaff[illegible] Ruling and
by Rose, for $50. Simon for, which he got from them.
I have the Rose letter, and I also had conversation with
Ruling and by Rose on the subject. -

I may here report, that on last Friday, I saw the Stake
Drivers for the ground, by force and the filing. One of the
newly elected is in attempt to hanging the devil in the
dark, by paying $40. for the Gill arrest, and $20. for
the Jr. arrest, when the proprietors for the Gill & Pond
is all nearly completed at the same time. - [illegible]

I recommend that the Lessee file in this case,
for year 1824. for filing two petitions, single pole, &c.
$20. in gold. - And the Lessee for in Quisling
and Allen case for the year 1824. - for filing 2.
petitions, single pole, &c $120, dollars: - and if you
approve I also direct your Clerk that Lessee, be not
to be allowed more $20. for this year, to $120, dollars.

With the foregoing remarks; all of which I re-
commend for your consideration, and approval,
and with due respect. -

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
John Wilson
Indian Agent.

W. T. Whitley Esq.
Superintendent of Indian
Affairs. St. Louis.

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Private. Hamilton,
14. Jan 1881.

My dear Sir,

When at Niagara, Jack Maynard applied for a Crown Landing ground, next to Reg Jim - at the Cut, but he paid no Money on it. - To day, I received an application from Long Island for the same ground and there is no doubt but I might - In will Clear a while it is doubtful if Jack Maynard will ever do any more about it. - Please let me know what your Lud about Lis of Lear, - Two Dollars should be paid down by the person applying for Leave to Cut Notice the application and your Bill Some fish - Hoping to see you

Yours truly

Enclosed with Kind regards to Mrs Elliott and Yours

Mr Hon Elliott
Niagara

Mr Hon Elliott

I send you by today's Mail, Four licences which you will please hand to the persons for whom they are intended. - Viz:-

1. John G. Houston, and John Hazlet, of the Town of Niagara. -
2. W. D. and Albert F. Webster, Township of Niagara. - -
3. Albert Davey, - Niagara. -
4. Geo. Stephenson Jr. - do. -

and you will much oblige

Yours Sincerely. -

J. W. Kerr. -

Sidney Cameron
Hamilton, Ont.
14. Jan 1881. -

Mr Hon Elliott
Niagara, Ont.

Hamilton. Ont.
15. June 1881.

My dear Jim,—

I received on yester-
day, enclosed to me, a sketch of Sur-
vey of Mr. J. Mokenis and Mr. D. Cantwells
fishing grounds at the One Mile Creek, and the
Two Mile Creek, in Lake Ontario, township
of Niagara, and County of Lincoln, from
Mr. A. B. Woodruff. of St. Catherines, together
with a letter addressed by him to W. F.
Whitcher Esqre Commissioner of Fisheries, Ot-
tawa, reporting accurately to him what
he has done under instructions from
me, and that he has arranged every-
thing to the satisfaction of the parties
concerned.— Will you be pleased to let
me Known on receipt, if you are now
satisfied and will Keep the peace on your fishing ground — Until I get
an answer to your petition, I dont think
it would be prudent on my part to send
this letter and Sketch of survey to Ottawa.
My respects to you & Mrs — John W. Kerr, P.O.
answer at once, —

part of their fishing grounds. — and that
Mr. Palmer is desirous to Know where
Mr. Wabel derives his authority: —

I had a letter from Owen Bowen,
on yesterday; who said he was informed
Mr. B. D. Bingham, had been sent for,
to go down to Turkey point. — —

Will you please let me hear from
you, and what the state of affairs are
at present at your fishing locality: —
How your fishing imployed on the New
No: 4. ground. — Answer and let us
Know. — and with Kind regards —

Yours Sincerely
John W. Kerr.
Fishery Overseer
Hamilton, Ont.
15. June 1881. —

Mr. W. Brooks,
Fisherman,
Turkey point,
Normandale, C.W.

See back to page 11. —

Dear Sir

I received your favour
enclosing Post Office Order, for the sum
of Eighty cents, being in full for your
Licence to sell Patent Medicines, single
Horse or Gig, in Lots Nos. in part of
Lots 6, 7, 8 and 9, Township of Rainham;
during the current season. - -

I also sent your Licence to you
this day, by Mail. - I wish you every
success in your New undertaking. -
I am, Sir, -

Your Obt Servt. - - - -

Jno. Hall
Deputy Treasurer
Haldimand, Ont.

12. June 1881. -

A. McK.
Alexander Kerr. -
Caledonia. -
Rainham. - Selkirk Post Office.
Ont.

Dear Sir

I have your favour
of the 10th inst. enclosing Post Office Order
for the sum of Eighty cents, being in full
for your Licence to sell Patent Medicines,
single Horse or Gig, in Lots Nos. in part of
Lots 6, 7, 8 and 9, Township of Rainham;
during the current season. - -

I also sent your Licence to you
this day, by Mail. - I wish you every
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12. June 1881. -

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Hamilton, Ontario
June 16th 1881

Dear Sir.

Your application of 4th inst. applying for a Seine Fishing ground in the Niagara River, in front of the Queen's Royal Hotel, in the Town of Niagara; has been duly received and recorded... You omitted to say, what amount you would pay annually for this ground."-

However, I may inform you, that the Fishing ground you apply for, is already licensed to Messrs Thomas Elliot, Thomas Flain, and John W. Argue, licensed fishermen, for this season.--And so, is not in a position to be re-licensed to you again a second time.--

Yours Truly,
D. W. Kerr
Fishery Overseer.
Hamilton, Ont.
16. June 1881.-

Mr. Alex: Neil,
Licensed Fisherman,
Niagara, Ont.

Hamilton, Ontario
June 16th 1881

Dear Sir.

Your postal Card, dated Niagara, 9th inst. applying for a ground to Seine fish on, which you say, there is plenty of room to establish in Lake Ontario, between Allan, and Courtells, which is in the Township of Niagara..

This space you allude to, although not being Seine fished on; is nevertheless, included in Messrs Courtnell and Allan's Seine Fishing licence for the entire of this current season; and so cannot be altered....

However, I will bear the matter in mind; and before issuing the licences for next year; I will try and arrange a ground where you refer to, for you.--Yours respectfully.

D. W. Kerr.-
Fishery Overseer.
16. June 1881.-

Messrs E. Nicholls,
Niagara.

Fishery Overseer's Office...
Hamilton, 17th June 1861...

Sir,

I have the honor to report, that per your Order dated, Ottawa, 26th March 1861. "You instruct "me to take charge of Fishery Overseer England's "district, and ascertain the names of the parties re- "siving renewals of Fishery licences and those of new "applicants, and report same here for preparation."

This I have been doing quietly, to the best of my humble ability; and these duties of this extra duty, will terminate on the 21st inst. of this month of June....

Will you be pleased to fix a rate of Compensation for this extra duty. You are the best Judge yourself of the services rendered, and to be rendered; and what the amount of compensation should be. —

And with due respect...

I have the Honor to be,
Sir, —
Your obedient Servant,
H. W. Sin
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa. — — —

Sidney Commissioners Office. - -
Sir Hamilton, 17. June 1844. -

I have the honor to report that the Steamer, on board of the Queen Dowager, Sidney Gunboat, at the Cape, and the James Watt, Sidney Gunboat, at Fernando, and the Lake Erie, Packet Vessel of Victoria, will pass over on the 20th of this month. - - -

And until then respectfully

I have the Honor to be,
Sir. -
Your Obedient Servant
Alex. Wilson. -
Sidney Engineer.

W. F. Wakefield Esqr
Commissioner of Victoria.

Sidney Surveyor's Office
Hamilton 17 June 1858.

Sir

I have the honor to apply to you for the Min. and Printed Copies of the Indians Treaties - It is the only one left I have in my possession.

Have with due respect

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

Sidney Survr

The Hon. Wm Spragge Esqr
Commissioner of Indian
Affairs
Ottawa

Sidney Crescent Office. –
Hamilton. 17. June 1844. –

Sir

I have the honor to thank you, my Cousin, & the Department, most warmly, and cordially: for ordering me to purchase a Chest. –

I am all in mystery, since I began to use it, and what an amount of labour in writing and copying. I saved. – And with my profound respect, for such Gentlemen friends. –

I have the honor to be,
Sir.
Your obedient Servant.
H. Whitcher.
Sidney Crescent.

W. F. Whitcher Esq.
Commissioner of Patents.
Ottawa. – –

N.B. – Since the 9th instant, I took from page 1. to page 17. Lines two the signature on. –

Fishery Overseers Office...
Hamilton, 16th June 1881...

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you Bank
Cheque No: 166 for the sum of Sixty dollars...

Will you be please to apply this amount as
License please paid in this day, by Chiefs Absalom
Brown, and Baron Lewis of Rawlaw... "For the
"privilege of fishing with the power nets, dingle pots,
"or hands; in Lake Wai, in front of Lots allgs: 6, 7, 8, 9
"9, in the Township of Rawlaw, and County of Nel-
"son". - This is the first license for these persons
to fish power nets. - I have this many made, as
this Net fishermen in your part not yet. -
I will think this things to close this day. -
I am with much respect. - -

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient,
Humble,
Fishery Engineer

The Colonial Secretary
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa. . . . .

Fishery Commrs Office....
Hamilton, 16th June 1880....

Sir

I have the honor to remit you Bank Draft No: 157.
for the sum of Fifteen dollars....

Will you be pleased to supply the vacant for this
amount known as follows:-

1. Wm Davis of Hamilton. For a Boat Licence
fish - White fish Lic - Lake Erie N. E. Shore 15.00
Issued under Licence..

2. William Lyle of Wainfleet. For a Boat Licence,
to fish 100 Hooks on lines in Lake Erie, in front of east
half of Lot No: 2. Broken Front, Township of Wainfleet - - ...50.

3. Charles Moore of Wainfleet; For a Boat Licence
to fish 100 Hooks on lines in Lake Erie, in front of the
farm, lying between Houghton and Wainfleet. - - ...50.

4. Samuel Davis of Houghton, For a Boat Licence
to fish 100. Hooks on lines in Lake Erie, in front of the
East half of Lot 22, South of Lake Road, Township of
Houghton. - - ...50.

5. Henry Barker, of Wainfleet. For a Boat Li-
cence to fish 100. Hooks on lines in Lake Erie, in front
of the west half of Lot 2, Broken Front Township of
Wainfleet. - - ...50.

6. Clinton S. Provencher, Wainfleet; For a Boat
Licence to fish 100 Hooks on lines in Lake Erie, in front
of West quarter of Lot 9. Broken Front, Township of
Wainfleet. - ...50.

7 William H. Smith, Wainfleet; For a Boat
Licence to fish 100. Hooks on lines in Lake Erie, in
front of West half of New cut, Ft Wainfleet. - ...50.

Please send me the Boat Licences for Hooks & Total. - $ 13.00 /

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
A. McKeen
Fishery Overseer

W. F. Whitcher Esq
Commissioner of Fisheries
Ottawa.

Victory Livestock Office.
Hamilton, 15th June 1894.

Sir,

I have the honor to apply to you for the
undermentioned licenses, for which I enclose
you amount by cash, viz:-

1. Jas. A. Ross Victory Livery Stable, Hamilton,
to ride 100 Yards on Line in Front of the
Second Range of Lot 1. North front, Township Wellington,
the amount is to be. — $0.50

2. Ainsley Ross, Wellington, to race three times,
to ride 100. Yards on Line in Front of the
second, and third, 15 Rods of Lot 10. North Front,
Township of Wellington, running to the East,
and running West, amount $1.00

These licenses are for this current season. —
And with due respect. — —

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
J. Lister Ross,
Victory Livery.

W. F. Whitcher Esq.
Commissioner of Police.
Ottawa.

Notice to N. Beach Fishermen.

In the Law Notice issued to you dated 19. May last, there is a clause which reads as follows: "All Net. Trawl and Seine "young" White Fish, shall be liberated alive".

My attention was drawn to some small White Fish, exhibited for Sale in Hamilton Market on Saturday last, the 18th of June instant; and if this is repeated, I will be obliged to seize the fish, and fine the dealer, and the Fishermen and Fishermen who catch such small White fish. - -

My Office,
J. W. Hare
Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton, Ont.
20. June 1881.

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Hamilton, Ontario

My dear Sir

I am in reference of your letter, without date, enclosing of Henry Gibson, we have also, resident in the Township of Stoughton and Aldington. The alleged filing committed by them on the 20th and 29th of May last and on other dates in contravention of the Fisheries Act. --

You last letter you kindly Colonel Walker, J.P. to act in our and lodge your complaint against each person respectively, get out summonses and proceed at once. -- I await your instructions, Bailiffs, Summonses, Expenses, &c. &c. for you to see, you can give them to the Magistrate, to be served by him, in the ordinary modes. - - -

By a recent circular, all the fees in each case, will go to the Fisheries department, Ottawa; but you will be entitled to all costs in each case, under section 43. of the Fisheries Act. - -

Re with reference to the Jos: Crawford of Stoughton, who persists in fishing without a license, and refuses to pay. - I before last: Walker, complain against the Jos: Crawford for fishing, and catching fish, with Hooks, on lines, in Lake Erie, on day of 1871. without having a license from the department of Marine and Fisheries, the same being in contravention of the Fisheries Act. -

In this case, you will please refer the Hon. Col: Walker, to section 19. of the Fisheries Act. - and after reading section 19. please read on that section 43. of section 19. - In this case, you will turn to the Canada Gazette, dated Ottawa, the 27th of August 1870, where you will find the Regulation in Council, dated 23rd of August 1870, - the last clause applies to the Jos: Crawford case, and be sure and produce the Gazette in Court.

1.

2.

I think you will have seen your way... The superintendent, as not wish to impose heavy fine, was the magistrate has a discretionary power under section 11. of the Fisheries act; - a which even the magistrate attach. -

Now now as regards a license to shoot Ducks, for to fish - would like, in Lake Ivi, - he will have to pay £1. - for this current season, and when you have the money. -

Please furnish me with a complete description of the ground. - Whether you & those may fire within yards of ground, to give - when have to fish from punts, one may other may. -

Those Rockets, as this ship also Rockets, will have to pay £1. etc more, for the privilege of firing a line - like this, one after you will by them, if the stores do not furnish immediately. you directly. and oblige this line we sent, and have them up, for firing without a license, and enclosed the sent a line - as under how the magistrate do it. -

Do now as your enquire of the ones thought we booked, please look me back the Gazette, as it is the only one, I have in my possession...

And with those words of friendship we remain. -

Believe me, Yours Sincerely.

Sidney Shrimpton.
Auckland City.
20. June 1884. -

The Commr Esqre
Sidney Smith.
Bay Royal. Auckland

(4.)

Duplicate

Hyde Park Hotel

Will you be so good as to let me know by 20 dollars. the balance of your Licence money by return of Post. - By this you will I have been a little put to Office Order, it shall get the amount immediately ... I have pleasure your Licence to you this day ...

Will you be pleased to give my Kind regards to Mrs Harris and Family. - and believe me as ever

Yours Sincerely

Thos Hyde

Mrs Hyde,
Chester A. Harris.
Fort Erie. - 3

Hickey Brothers
Hamilton, Ont
20. June 1861.



Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton, 28. June 1881.—

Sir,

I have the honor to send you Bank draft, No: 131.— for the sum of Twenty four dollars . . . .

Will you be pleased to apply this amount, for this current season, as follows: —

1. James Beardmore, and pthrs Slate Beardmore of Niagara, "For a Rent license to fish in Lake Ontario, Vs. Vs. Vs, already received, and delivered".— $5.00.

2. John Wadsworth, Queenston: "For license to fish at Hachais, in Niagara River, at Queenston, received and delivered; Power sent on 4th".— 4.00.

3. Robert John Allan, Niagara, "For Rent License, to fish in Lake Ontario,, Vs. already received and delivered". 5.00.

4. Samuel Hitchcock, Walsingham, "For Rent license, to fish 100. Hooks, on lines, in Lake Erie, in part of the East quarter of lot No: 7, B.F. township Walsingham. — —.50.

5. Linsley Romans. do. applies for, on 16th instant, 1.00.

6. J. W. Broomer, — do. do. do. —.50.

7. John Rachead, Niagara, "For license fee, for a Rent House, constructed on the Fishery Reserve, in the Town of Niagara, used by him for the accommodation of Anglers, and Rowing parties". "This amount is for past year". — "Please send license; also a license for this current year". 5.00.

"I will send amount for this season very shortly".

8. James Graham Grimsby.— "For Rent license to fish 600. yards of White fish, and Herring gill Net, in Lake Ontario, in front of lot No: 8. B.F. in the township of Grimsby".— "One new license". 8.00.

Total $24.00

Have with much Respect.

I have the Honor to be,
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant
John W. Kerr
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa.—

My dear Sir, -

Yours of the 18th
instant, is just at hand, complaining of
Henry Osborne, Edwin Rennie, and
John Cunningham, for exporting Deer
Hides, Hares, and the Devil. - For the
first, under their Licences; they
have no power to do this! and
unless they stop it immediately, -
your remonstrance with them, I
will apply to the Victoria Regia
ment. Ottawa - and have their
licences cancelled !!. -

Read to them, the Regulations
in Council from the Gazette I sent
you, and that I expect Due attention
them; in such matters. - There
must be no more childrens play.
We are all there, and we must
practise what is manly, and up
right, the law must be carried
out Legally, and no attempts to
evade the Law, can be tolerated!
Do nothing Either, - I give nothing to
you or J. Either stop J. the Deer
Law, - or have the action. - You write
J. make them to obey, and carry
out the law, the Letter, and Spirit
letter of the Governor General, in
Council. Yr. Yr. Yr.

In the Name of God, do this
Holy Apostle St John, why don't
you send me, your explanation,
the Captain Stephenson explain. -

Believe me Yours truly.

Edward Ryan
Esq Barrister
Belleville,
Ontario.

D. Jameson Esq
Port Hope.

28. June 1851.

Hamilton, 23. June 1851.

My dear Sir

While you be pleased to give, sent by Mail, this day, the following Books, and Licenses; for you to deliver to each person; for whom they are intended; viz:

1. Samuel Davis — Houghton. —
2. Elnathan S. Provencher, Wainingham. —
3. William H. Smith, — do. —
4. Henry Baker, Esq. do. —
5. William Lett, — do. —
6. Ebenezer Mosher, — do. —
7. Elisha — Bowers — do. —
8. J. W. Provencher — do. —

By these Licenses, you will please give, I have still 50 ℔ on hand, to your Debit. —

I dont know whether you intended or not, but you will find your Licence is ℔1,— thus dispensing ℔ 49.50 ℔ in this transaction of ℔ 5. which leaves 50 ℔, to be given up, with those also! —

I am afraid the Department at Ottawa, will not be pleased at the tardiness, you display — in not at once sending me in your explanation to Captain Stephenson's complaint. —

I must it, for to report upon myself to the Commissioner. —

Now! that the Financial year will end in a few days: Have you anything you would wish me to say in your behalf to Commissioner. if so put it in writing, addressed to me, and send it along. —

Yours Sincerely.
Chas Bowers Esq.
P. Sydenham.
Owen Sound

J. W. Wilson.
P. Carruthers.

Statement
for
+ 50

Hamilton, Ont.
24, June 1881.—

My dear Mr Whitcher.

The Lewis fishing at Niagara, has terminated there for the present until next fall; when it will be recommenced again in the River for White fish...

The fish getting for White fish, at Niagara - has commenced, and is very good, some of the Fishermen getting after one night set out, as high as 250. 280. and 350. White fish. which are sold in the Boats, when the fishermen come in, about 7. a.m, each morning Except Monday and Sunday morning[s] at 10, per 100. fish.

I am much pleased to be in a position to tell you all this..

Pickerel too, are very plentiful at Niagara fishing; on Wednesday morning last. I saw 600 fish and, amongst 2. pounds each, caught by John Barton, and sold at 2½ per pound.. — and wonderful to tell, there was only two trouts, Speckled amongst this take, and no other fish of any other Kind. — the White fish and fishing are all being caught in our own Dominion waters, scarcely any in American Waters. —

Johnson, a fish dealer, from Buffalo, buys extensively from Niagara fishermen this season. — It would be a great loss to our fishermen, if it was made Compulsatory, that all our fish must be sold by weight. . . .

I am happy to inform you, that I completed my 69th year of Age on yesterday; Now Mind the Almighty has always been to me; Glory be to his Name. and with Kind regards to Mrs Whitcher, believe me your devoted Servant,

W.J. Whitcher Esq[re] J.P.
&c. &c. &c. &c.

John Fisher.—
Hon

Hamilton, Butler
24 June 1854. —

My dear Mr Hitchcock.

The Ohio Publishing
at Wittenberg, has terminated thus by the
present mail next year; when it will be
resumed again in the Form of Notes
Yale...

The Ohio Printing Co which publishes
Wittenberg, has terminated, and is
now past, some of the Students
getting after their Debts are out. —
Yale is now 370, 380, 390, which will
until we enter in the Fall, when
the Volumes come in, about 7, 8 m.
each monthly Issues will
Journal Monthly 32 at 10, for 100, Yale.
I am much pleased to be in a
position to take my own side. —

Publish the new Physiology
of Wittenberg Publishing; the Professors

many last, I have 600 Yale, among
2 Yale and, bought by their Debts,
our Debt at 3# for Yale. — but
unchanged to the; thus was only the
small Profit amongst the Debt, as for
other Yale of any other Kind. — We with
Yale our Yale are all long sought
in our own Wittenberg matters, heavily
and in Wittenberg Debts. —

Debts, — Yale under, Yale Profit
Yale extensively Yale Wittenberg Publishers
Yale Form. — It made be a great
Yale to our Yale, if it was made
Supplementary, that all our Yale must be
taken by Yale. — —

I am happy to inform you, that I
Supplied my 1# Yale — Yale
Journal; this Year the Publishing has ex-
ceeded Yale to me: Yale be to his Form.
our self Yale expect to my Profit,
Yale on our Yale Yale Yale
Yale. —

Yale Yale

Friday Emmanuel Office.
Dublin. 14. June 1881.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will
please, I receive by first mail for Sir. Lionel Jar
& Jick in Lake Ins. applies for on the 18th of June
instant; whilst from Mount Lennox for the Guinness
of Rockingham Mount, applies for on the 18th of June
instant, on which dates I am ordered by you to proceed
to sea when & not please refer to my application
of 13. June 1881. = Mark draft No: 180.

Thank with due respect. - -

I have the Honor to be. -
Sir. -
Your Obedient Servant
John Wilson
Friday Surgeon

Wm Wilson Esq
Commissioner of Pilotage.
Office. - - - -

21 please give receipt & explain for my
Salary. for Quarter ending 30th day of June 1881.
Pilotage -
£4.

Hamilton, 27. June 1881. –

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My dear Sir.

I am just in receipt of a letter from the Fisheries department, Ottawa, dated 24th inst. in which the following remarks are made by the Commissioner of Fisheries, to which my attention has been called. – Viz!

Sir. – "The attention of this department has "been called to the sale of large quantities of "young or undersized White fish, being seined "at Niagara, and in consequence of the "Market being glutted, that many are wasted "and thrown away." –

Will you be pleased to inform me, immediately! if any thing of this kind has happened at any time during this season, amongst the Niagara fishermen; and if so, who is the guilty party. – Answer by letter. –

Yours. V. V.

John Bolton. –
Fisherman.
Niagara.

John W. Kerr. –
Fishery Overseer.

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Albert Bolton, Jr.
Fisherman.
Niagara.

John W. Kerr. –
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H. Hilliker. —

Sidney Cooper.

Wm. James Cartwell.
Fisherman.
Niagara.

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Will you be pleased to inform me, immediately! if any thing of this Kind has happened at any time during this season, amongst the Niagara fishermen; and if so, who is the guilty party. Answer by letter. —

Yours V. V.,

H. Hilliker.

Sidney Cooper.

Wm. Richd. Allen Jr.
Fisherman. —
Niagara.

[illegible]

Hamilton, 27. June 1881.

My dear Sir,

I am just in receipt of a letter from the Fisheries department, Ottawa, date 24th June, in which the gathering me into a case of the Commissioner of Fisheries, to which my attention has been drawn... Now!

Sir. - "The attention of this department has been called to the fact of large quantities of "trout or whitefish which fish being taken "in Niagara, and in exposure of the "finished living platters, that many are "washed and thrown away."--

Will you be pleased to inform me, immediately! if any thing of this kind has happened at any time during this season, amongst the Niagara fishermen; and if so, who is the guilty party, known by letter:

Yours, K. K.

Hilyard.
Bailiff Inspector.

My Dear Sir,
Fishermen -
Niagara.

My dear Sir,

You have now upside in my letter to you of the 27th of June, in attaching you in reference to the Orders, I have received from the Fisheries department, Ottawa; appointing of Mr. Thos: A. Merrill Inspector of Fisheries Dist. Nos. 1. 2. 3. and 4. in the Outer Bay. at Turkey point, in lake Erie.

I learn you have gone on Turkey point on the 10th of June, and that Mr. William Nelson, fisherman there, became insolence, and frightened you off, and broke "Englands" he has not had "possession of the Net Inspector yet!"

If you do not mind to obey my letter, just say so, that I should do you have to say on the subject.

I have been informed that one of the orders, that was put in, [illegible]

gone, one on Nelson, and one on Ferris, you had better go down to Turkey point and see and enquire about this, and if possible find out, who it is removed them.

It appears there are big fishermen, fishing Hooks or Lines, in Lake Erie, in the Outer Bay, at Turkey point, do you Know any thing about it? if not, you had better go down there get their Names charge each person 50. for fishing each 100 Hooks, and send me Names, Money, and description of the Lot, or the number in front of which each person is fishing; and I will send, & get a license for each person. - No man can fish Nets nor Hooks in Lake without they have first cleared a license from the department of fisheries. - - Owen Romans, P. Guardian, has already applied for upwards of 40. licenses for Hooks. P. will obtained from the department, Ottawa, charge me, licenses for the rest of the applicants. -

We must all work in Harmony with each other, and together, otherwise the result will be of no effect. -

Please let me hear from you soon, and if you are very busy, at something else that you can not well get away from, let me Know, and I will take a run up there myself. -

Believe me,

Yours sincerely, -
John Wilkinson. -
Fishery Overseer.
Hamilton, Ont
27 June 1881.

Jno: A. A. Ferris,
Fishery Guardian,
Port Williams,
Ont

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Fishery Overseer's Office. -
Hamilton, 29. June 1844. -

Lieut

I have the honor to receive Wm. M. Stephenson's Mr Rowan's report, dated 27th June 1844, complaining of Mr Owen Rowan, Fishery Guardian; "for having enforced "by him, of certain fishing grounds at Long point, which "he says were licensed to him by Mr C. L. Ringham, &c. "referred by you, to me Here for report". -

In reply, I have the honor to report, that I was first in possession of the facts in this case, on the 1st of May last, by Mr Rowan, the Guardian, at Port Ryerse; who sent me a diagram of fishing stations, situated at, or about the east of Long point, in Lake Erie. - And which I now submit for your information, as the only authority I ever by Stephenson, "to keep Limits", in the premises, according to this previous, unless accompanied with written duty, now sent to it, signed, C. L. Ringham; and it does not appear best to be a receipt for 1/2, nor a License; from for, as I understand to pay Ringham; was not to fish by him; - Neither is it any authority to Captain Stephenson and others, for to fish on certain Hooks with their fishing; such should be discountenanced by the superintendent altogether. - Why then were the Captains made such a mystery, and even threats, even by Mr Rowan believe that Owen Rowan, is one of the biggest scoundrels on earth, which his impression is on my mind; his complaint must be known to you, as was Mr C. L. Ringham, he must at the time. - -

Since you transmit me, with charge of Mr C. L. Ringham division of stations, on Lake Erie, it has been my fortune, or perhaps I may say misfortune, to meet with, some of these opinions, worthless of it, which the Superintendent of Fisheries.

Ottawa. -

(L.)

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [

This hour of Stephens and Lafayette was not more remarkable the hour of my August Elevation, than the hour in which you received a Letter, by the Virginia on 27th January last, by Mr. Jefferson; please see my reports to the Hon. the Secretary of the Treasury of 28th of April last. . . . Upon which occasion, I presume, you have not yet received your Mr. Hamilton's Character presents a Copy for the Library!!

However! to bring this matter to a final close, I submit for your consideration, the Form herein, explanatory of the Oath; which I recommend for your approval, and Consideration. . . .

The Revenue Law also and the Instructions of Secretary, herewith, which I presume are not required in this case. — Since I hope such Oath or Bond will be used, as to convince such people as Stephens, and men others, that the Liberties of the People's Union, in Lake Erie, shall not, and will be no longer the laughing stock of a Community. Pardon me for speaking my mind openly. I have no selfish purpose in view, but only the prosperity, and protection of these valuable Fisheries, I have so much [illegible]. — Dear with due respect. —

I have the Honor &c.

Sir.

Your obedient Servant

Abel Hunt. —

Sidney Rogers.

P.S.

I have instructed the Revenue, to proceed against Stephens, for refusing the Office of Inspector under the Act of the Fishing Vessels. K. K. [illegible] K.

Jew Hunt.

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Private.

Hamilton, Ont.
29. June 1881.—

My dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your report and explanation in reply to Captain Stephens complaint against you, and I regret there was, and I forward the same to the Commissioner of Police this morning. No matter what may happen, never lower yourself by appealing to Politicians to speak for or with you. Let your own acts and conduct talk for you always in the discharge of your public duties, and then you will have nothing to fear.—

You will have now carefully section 89 of the Police act, and if Captain Stephens has been guilty of [illegible] you will [illegible] Commissioner [illegible] and your time. If a letter be so [illegible] then

[illegible] you will [illegible] and take no steps to prevent it.—

I will meet you at the Hamilton station of the N. and N. W. Railway at 12.20. p.m. on Saturday next, as requested; if nothing happens to take me off. Some place else.

Now as no occasion for evidence or testimonials, while Stephens has this to make it appear you are a very bad man; he has given his friend Mr. G. A. Stephens a great character.—

I suppose my communication to the Commissioner will be enough, and then you must do, with my name.—

You being on my [illegible] on Saturday, as I suppose you have no more use for it, as Stephens has to stay the Law.—

Yours &c.

[illegible]
D. Spreadbury
Chief Engineer.

[illegible]
Police
Hamilton

Fishery Overseer's Office.
Hamilton, 30. June 1841.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of 24th instant, in which you say: "The attention of this department has been "called to the fact of large quantities of young or immature "White fish being daily caught at Niagara, and in consequence "of the meshes being shorter; that many are wasted or thrown "away".

In reply to this, I have the honor to report for your information; that I amply report, that my powers therein do grant, & allow, me to make a report to the Fisheries department, Ottawa; for entirely another, police and regulations in every particulars.

In justice to the Niagara Fishing fishermen, and myself, please give the name of the ignominious person, who has since and without this.

It is true, white fish were at any moment this season, on the Fishing ground at Niagara, as I reported to you at the time; that they sold at very low prices sometimes, because of the great abundance of fish caught, by each and every Fishing fisherman then, who attended to his fishing; but no fish were wasted, no fish were thrown away; some fish were sold too cheap; but there was no young, under size white fish, caught at all this season, at the Niagara fisheries; and if they were caught, they would be liberated alive, in terms of the licenses. The same as before was!-

Up to the conclusion of the Fishing; say about the 10th day of June, except in the Niagara River, which did not end so soon; the fish increased in size, an unusual thing, at the termination of the season for Fishing.

I was present myself repeatedly, at the hauling, and on the night of 6th of June, I was present, and I saw several

W. F. Whitaker Esqr
Com: of Fisheries. Va. Va. 2
Ottawa. 3 1.

[illegible] I was present the next morning, when the fish I was trying to save for [illegible] per 100 fish. I take a consignment of shipping fish, and I receive the steamer without them, as I can sell [illegible] and by my presence, receive such remuneration as [illegible] fishing.

I ask the next fisherman why he takes so many fish.

planatory: He says this:—

"This is the first white fish. Then Nelson fish comes, and Chub. Up to the first Chub, and White Herring, then we throw them back. Old Indian, and Lawyer Cod, this fish we [illegible] then we go to catch the many White fish, we [illegible] then they never appear of perfectly [illegible] we get to do so. For White fish for any, that I appreciate to them, for sufficient catch, per week days, per day, for us to obtain fish, paying prices, and to work plotting the nets".

After this remuneration there was no more the cheap fish sales; and the prices rose at once to $6.00, $7.00 per 100 fish, to the fishers. — Then the retail prices were higher.

You say! "It is difficult to limit the catch by fishermen, except through the necessities of their business"?

I agree with you, that it is a very difficult thing, for to limit the catch now by the known conditions. Suppose this fishing was to be assigned to a certain number of hands, or to a certain number of days for this fishing in each week; this would diminish the catch. — For the a this fishermen, knowing his business, and his fishing ground, would only haul, within such limited period, when the White fish congregates in great abundance on the fishing ground, hauls would be always large, and equal in quantity in the end, to all days, and all

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night their landing.

Again, you say: "If they catch another fish or
"their hook large enough to have it impossible to
"reject them, you make nothing by weighing them
"that unless their catch is measured, the experiment will
"be attended with the privileges annexed by that Statute
to apply to this. I have to report that during the season
up to the end of the last fishing, as diligent search
of those waters, there were no dimensions which fish
caught by those fishing. [illegible]

Assuming that it was desirable in any manner, that after the
discovery of large fish, draught of any, a given number, larger
than limit of dimension which fish of the various kinds
that you in your report mention, as proper to be dimensioned
by legislation. But as the different kinds of the number
of which fish, do not frequent the bass fishing grounds
every season. The witness at the present time, does not
know how many of these fish taken by bass hooks
grounds, at Rockingham Beach, do you not say as to be to
your knowledge most of the fishes; they are fishing that
should not have [illegible]

Chief Water Police.

"Yes. He was given me the last return for
"1911. He has told me the number of large fish
"he has taken. He has also told me the number
"he has caught with the drag nets."

There is nothing impossible about regulating
the catch of each fish with line; there is a limit every
thing, as the Police are aware, with regard to
net fishing, which appears for most of Australia
purposes. --

In regard the bass fishing to 3 days, in each week,
I gave evidence once, about seven years ago, when the

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[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Bailey Esqr.

[illegible] is a Gentleman residing in the Township of Grimsby. He is a Justice of the Peace for the County of Grimsby. He has a family of Children, two of whom are grown up young Men, and the rest young Children. . . .

The said Henry Bailey has for twelve or fifteen years last past been in the habit of Smuggling Goods into this Province from the United States, and has been detected in Smuggling Goods into the Province of Canada, on the Lake Ontario, in the Township of Grimsby. . . .

That during the Month of May last the said Henry Bailey, and his two Sons, with a number of other persons, armed and disguised, did land from a Boat on the Beach at Grimsby, and did then and there rescue from the Custody of the Officers of the Customs, a quantity of Goods, which had been seized by them as forfeited to the Crown, for the non payment of Duties thereon, and which Goods were then in the Custody of the said Officers. . . .

That during the month of June last the said Henry Bailey, and his two Sons, with a number of other persons armed and disguised, did land from a Boat on the Beach at Grimsby, and did then and there rescue from the Custody of the Officers of the Customs, a quantity of Goods, which had been seized by them as forfeited to the Crown, for the non payment of Duties thereon, and which Goods were then in the Custody of the said Officers. . . .

That during the month of July last the said Henry Bailey, and his two Sons, with a number of other persons armed and disguised, did land from a Boat on the Beach at Grimsby, and did then and there rescue from the Custody of the Officers of the Customs, a quantity of Goods, which had been seized by them as forfeited to the Crown, for the non payment of Duties thereon, and which Goods were then in the Custody of the said Officers. . . .

That during the month of August last the said Henry Bailey, and his two Sons, with a number of other persons armed and disguised, did land from a Boat on the Beach at Grimsby, and did then and there rescue from the Custody of the Officers of the Customs, a quantity of Goods, which had been seized by them as forfeited to the Crown, for the non payment of Duties thereon, and which Goods were then in the Custody of the said Officers. . . .

That during the month of September last the said Henry Bailey, and his two Sons, with a number of other persons armed and disguised, did land from a Boat on the Beach at Grimsby, and did then and there rescue from the Custody of the Officers of the Customs, a quantity of Goods, which had been seized by them as forfeited to the Crown, for the non payment of Duties thereon, and which Goods were then in the Custody of the said Officers. . . .

That during the month of October last the said Henry Bailey, and his two Sons, with a number of other persons armed and disguised, did land from a Boat on the Beach at Grimsby, and did then and there rescue from the Custody of the Officers of the Customs, a quantity of Goods, which had been seized by them as forfeited to the Crown, for the non payment of Duties thereon, and which Goods were then in the Custody of the said Officers. . . .

That during the month of November last the said Henry Bailey, and his two Sons, with a number of other persons armed and disguised, did land from a Boat on the Beach at Grimsby, and did then and there rescue from the Custody of the Officers of the Customs, a quantity of Goods, which had been seized by them as forfeited to the Crown, for the non payment of Duties thereon, and which Goods were then in the Custody of the said Officers. . . .

That during the month of December last the said Henry Bailey, and his two Sons, with a number of other persons armed and disguised, did land from a Boat on the Beach at Grimsby, and did then and there rescue from the Custody of the Officers of the Customs, a quantity of Goods, which had been seized by them as forfeited to the Crown, for the non payment of Duties thereon, and which Goods were then in the Custody of the said Officers. . . .

That during the month of January last the said Henry Bailey, and his two Sons, with a number of other persons armed and disguised, did land from a Boat on the Beach at Grimsby, and did then and there rescue from the Custody of the Officers of the Customs, a quantity of Goods, which had been seized by them as forfeited to the Crown, for the non payment of Duties thereon, and which Goods were then in the Custody of the said Officers. . . .

That during the month of February last the said Henry Bailey, and his two Sons, with a number of other persons armed and disguised, did land from a Boat on the Beach at Grimsby, and did then and there rescue from the Custody of the Officers of the Customs, a quantity of Goods, which had been seized by them as forfeited to the Crown, for the non payment of Duties thereon, and which Goods were then in the Custody of the said Officers. . . .

That during the month of March last the said Henry Bailey, and his two Sons, with a number of other persons armed and disguised, did land from a Boat on the Beach at Grimsby, and did then and there rescue from the Custody of the Officers of the Customs, a quantity of Goods, which had been seized by them as forfeited to the Crown, for the non payment of Duties thereon, and which Goods were then in the Custody of the said Officers. . . .

That during the month of April last the said Henry Bailey, and his two Sons, with a number of other persons armed and disguised, did land from a Boat on the Beach at Grimsby, and did then and there rescue from the Custody of the Officers of the Customs, a quantity of Goods, which had been seized by them as forfeited to the Crown, for the non payment of Duties thereon, and which Goods were then in the Custody of the said Officers. . . .

That during the month of May last the said Henry Bailey, and his two Sons, with a number of other persons

Hon. Hon. Elliot
Niagara.—

Hamilton, Ont.
14th July 1891.

Dear Sir,—

Yours received, also a letter from Big Jim, to the same effect.— I wonder who the person is, who made such false misrepresentations to the Fisheries department, Ottawa.—

I have asked the department, in Justice to you fishermen, and myself, for the name of the ignominious person, who carried such outlandish lies,—

However, I may tell you, a stop will be put to the excessive Lewis fishing for white fish at Niagara.— How many Lewis fish, have been caught this season and sold too cheap. The catch will be restricted on all the fishing grounds, in future.— I will thank you to keep me advised daily, or every other day: as to the fishing each, when it is. that catches them, the number caught

Hamilton—
20 June 1891.

Fishery Overseers Office
Hamilton 1st July 1881.

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith for your inspection and approval, my account and diary of actual expenses and disbursements for travelling, incurred by me, & while employed on duty in my own division, Hamilton, and in the Niagara Division of Lake Erie, during the quarter ending the 30th day of June 1881, and amounting to the sum of $59.87.

Dates.	John W. Kerr	Inspector	To Telegraphing		1.90
"	John W. Kerr	do	" Cayuga Va	"	2.40
"	John W. Kerr	do	" Caledonia Va	"	3.57
"	John W. Kerr	do	" Lake Shore	"	9.00
"	John W. Kerr	do	" Office Work	"	5.00
"	John W. Kerr	do	" Express Charges	"	1.20
"	John W. Kerr	do	" Board and Hacking	"	7.00
			Total		$59.87

In submitting this account, I beg most respectfully to report for your inspection, that you will find I have travelled 2881 miles, during the quarter just ended.

Since I have not been away where only when my presence was necessary in connection with the Fisheries, and their due observance.

I have with due respect.

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
John W. Kerr
Fishery Overseer

W. F. Whitcher Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa.

by most gallant, and the most
kind for me to do. I must
try, and watch the end of pictures
for me to write the number sought in
paying business, and by number but
by weight: — Do you write please soon
to assist me with your news.

With I have written to Mrs Allen
and Pattison, as well as to you and Jane.
I have not got Emily from them.

I shall write to Jane Longhurst to
ascertain whether Mrs Longhurst
has sent Mrs Prof Smith Jane
Lily from Paris. — Write them about it!
I don't want Charles if he can stay with
it, and I will send for him myself
to Athens for him. —

Perhaps next week I may go on
to the South, and if so, I will call
at St Maigrin, some morning or after-
noon, by the Toulon Railway.
I had a letter from Mr Webster praising the
mother girl as splendid workers, good or
good breakfast girl for mornings and
the girls! — Johnny Dunn, has got little
girl in market here, on yesterday, he is
very very well now, he is ready and
his dress, but Ready is rather, screwed
Johnny Watt, until he Mrs, and his step
Mrs, he I have to stop it. —

I suppose you have heard Pat. Jones
I saw them there on last Saturday, I is
minor officer. I don't think he has turned
up yet! —

Give my warm regards to Mrs Elliot,
and the girls — and to the people with them
from Hampton, The surprising friends? —
Give please thank Mrs Elliot for that cup
of Oolong tea! — I send you big stamps —
for picture letting, as with thank to the
home the warm feelings and regards —

Yours. M. Johnson —

Treasury Warrant Office.
Dublin, 3. July 1861.

I have the honor to send you herewith, Bank Post Bill No: 211... for the sum of Two dollars...

Will you be pleased to apply the amount for the purpose mentioned in...

1. Mary Patrick Brady Parkmore, Clara: The West Quarter of Lot 100. Works, one house, no Lake Lot, one Parcel of Lot 18 south of Lake Road, in the Township of Broughton, Queens County one House. —5.
2. Joseph Brangan, Clara Lot. The East Quarter of Lot 100 Works, one House, no Lake Lot, one Parcel of Lot 18 south of Lake Road, in the Township of Broughton, Queens County one House. —5.
3. John Henry Brangan, Broughton, The one West Quarter of Lot 100. Works, one House, no Lake Lot, one Parcel of Lot 6 South of Lake Shore Road in the Township of Broughton, Queens County &c. —5.
4. James Walsh, Broughton. The one West Quarter of Lot 100. Works, one House, no Lake Lot, one Parcel of Lot 6 South of Lake Shore Road, Queens County one House — —5.

Lot in Clara in the Township Broughton, ...

5. Jackson Parker, Broughton. The West Quarter of Lot 100. Works, one House, no Lake Lot, one Parcel of the 3rd 15 Works, commencing east, and bounding west, of Lot No 19, Township of Broughton, —10.

Queens County one House.

Dublin the 3rd July 1861.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
[illegible]
Deputy Treasurer.

To [illegible]
Commissioner of Public
Dublin.

My dear Sir

I wrote to your brother Paddy, and I saw him in the Market here today:- He has promised me faithfully, that he will give you no more annoyance. - - -

I saw Mr. D. M. Chisholm, and Gen. T. Crawford today. They have moved down to the Camp at Grimsby, and to enable you to get in fish free &c. &c., I send you a few lines I got from Mr. Chisholm, for you to hand Frank whenever he goes there, to take along with him. -

You need only supply Mr. Chisholm, and Mr. Crawford, for the present. -

Mr. Livingston will be there, but I learned he will board in the Hotel. -

I intended coming down some day this coming week, but have to go off to Toronto, on monday morning, thence to Niagara, Port Erie, Ridgeway and Port Colburne. - I had a telegraph from Inspector, W. S. Stuart, of the Toronto Police, this morning stating Pat: Gray's body, has been found floating this morning in the Toronto Bay, and is now in the Morgue, -

It was supposed he drowned himself in Toronto Bay, on Wednesday the 18th. of June, as he was seen alive on that day; - and never since, every thing, being a mystery until the finding of his body. -

It is a very sad and melancholly end, for as decent and good fellow as ever broke bread. - May God fit and prepare us all, for that great change, that must happen, before we become partakers of his Glory. - And with my Kind respects to Mrs. Hand, and your children, believe me, Yours Sincerely. - - -

Thos. W. Kerr.
Hamilton, Ont.
2. July 1881.

Mr. John Hand. -
Fisherman. -
Grimsby. - Ont.

Hamilton, Ont.o

My dear Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 27th of June; asking for information; as follows: "Am I justified in "charging parties, employees, and others, that en "joy privileges to, here on Long point, fishing "in Lake Erie; some of them tell, I collected "$1.50 ct, each, for spearing though the Ice, and "intend to collect, 50. per 100, Hooks, or Lines". "Am I right in doing so? - we are fishing of "course, under the Company's Lease, but I "understand that no one can sell without "paying the above tariff, please to give "me information, and to whom, and when to "pay money so collected to". - I expected "you up before this, or I would have written "to you sooner, all quiet here".

In reply, I have the honor to inform you, that I consider you are perfectly justified in charging every one, who applies for permission to fish Hooks, or Lines, in the waters of Lake Erie, at Long point; a license fee, such as you describe, $1. or 50 ct, as the case may be, and it is of no consequence whether the person who visits the fish, by the means you describe, take them, or not, all have to pay a small license fee: By reference to the Canada Gazette, dated Ottawa, the 27th of August 1870, I find the Regulations in force dated 25th of August 1870. - Not fishing by means of Nets or other "apparatus: - (Spears and Hooks or Lines" -) except "under leases or licenses from the depart- "ment of Marine and Fisheries, is prohibited "in all the waters of the Province of Ontario". Hence you are justified in making the charge for spearing, and for the Hooks. -

I should suppose, that all the money so collected, should be sent to the Fisheries department, Ottawa, if only to show the absolute necessity there is, of having a resident officer, on Long point. - And if you will please to send me all license fees

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you collect, the Plans in fact, are evidence, I will at once remit the amount to the Dakota department, Ottawa, and get up a Diploma for each person, who entrusts the privilege and permission which the Legislature in Canada, has provided for the benefit of all. - Thus are the mines pointed out by the Geologists that, and carried into effect, very successfully, by the Com. Rocks. Dickey Gardiner, Ont Agent, over since my appointment, on the 24th of March last.

I accept, that I was officially, and privately notified by the W.J. Whitcher, the Commissioner of Dakota, Ottawa, and made the same known, to Phelps & Whitall. H. Gunnison & Co Williams, and Com. Rocks. H. Gunnison & Co Agent, and directed them to govern themselves accordingly. I have done no more in the matter. - I am glad to learn by your letter, that you are actively employed, looking after the interests of the Dakota Co. I am [illegible]

give, that you [illegible] with [illegible] Co. Neighbour appears to have kept out of sight, and stuck with his things from attempting to interfere with me. - He would [illegible] this! -

I will remain up here, until we [illegible] or I receive from Com. Rocks [illegible] I am here to day, that the Lieut. Gov. [illegible] at the Cottage. -

This is a friendly, and official letter, and with my kind and warm regards to [illegible] Lucy, Willy, and all the [illegible] members of your family. -

Believe me as ever.

Yours truly.

[illegible]

Dakota -

Dickey Gardiner,

Hamilton. Ont.

24 July 1881.

H. H. Lucy Esq.
Dickey Gardiner.
Lucy family

Mrs. James Bowdoin,
Fisherman.—
Nigeria...

My dear Jim..

My heartiest, and yr wife the news of the loss of the Gorgi midst the; the was last seen alive on Thursday, the 10. June, at the Blue House on Santa Island, which is a little East of Plantain Point, it appears he had been away for some days previously on a little spree, and was then returning home; took a small boat from George Freeman, who gave her him; and he left in this small boat, and he was seen as the report goes, rowing in the direction of Home, and this was all that could be told until yesterday morning when his dead body was found floating in Grants Bay, by two men coming to the Island to their work, It is a sad calamity, for he was so great a favourite in every way, as ever the friend...

What a loss to the fishing community.. I must close to thank the Almighty upon his own mercy, and I have the Child Pic, and I am my Boy, and Augustus Hope of Santa Isla, and we both about here Well: and we, are not engaged to work down there off. I should going down here to Lagos by, and Antonio they may on by God his to Nigeria; but I have been telegraphed to come to Lagos and so with x by the Steamer to Nigeria when I will take you with...

Daddy Home and his brother John are catching fish and doing goods for sisters, the White fish are standing for Nigeria: so look out for them...

Well, I sent a letter to Allen and Baker, similar to that I sent you, but was thinking I have not heard from either...

Use this occasion fishing with, and must close by stopping A(...) night,... Mrs. to Richards fishing

Please Keep for me, the Bottom daily
take of Richard, by them and others, days
and date, and what they were down for!—
I believe pickerel fishing should be stop-
ped for three years, what do you say!—
there is no hemp fishing thread in Ham-
ilton, I will try Leckey's on Tuesday,
in Toronto, and bring you one round
when I come. — —

And now Jim, I must say: when you,
(Kate) Mrs Cantwell, and I, were talking about
Mrs Gray, and Pat: Gray, and laughing
over it, we little thought of what was to
happen to poor Pat: Gray. —

Since I saw you both last, I have
got in to my 70th year; and so must
conclude; by saying and praying that
God will be pleased to fit and pre-
pare us all for his great coming, and
for Eternity. — Glory be to his Holy Name.
And with my kind and warm regards —
to you, and Mrs Cantwell, believe me, —

Hamilton, Ont.
3. July 1884.

Yours Sincerely
J. Hill

My dear Hill,

I have to thank you most warmly, and specially for the Pickerel. It was a splendid sample when just through the fish, and is at present a good growing size. —

I enclose you herewith One Dollar order, for $1.00, to repay you back. —

Endeavour to keep every thing in your division in good order. for I expect an Officer from the Fisheries department this time may come up here on a tour of inspection: so be able to stand up to fire; & in your division. — —

I have nothing of importance to communicate every thing goes on very well with me; and I have plenty to do all the time. — —

By the bye I will shortly want

Hamilton, Ont.
4 August 1841.

My dear Li.

Will you please give
Emmick a shape in your power for
Emily's two dollars — also a Receipt
in exchange; which you will please sign
and return to me — also please let
me know at the same time any charge
you may have collected for framing
Eliza's picture for Emily's book — the
picking, with the names and residences
of the persons, who have paid to you
the same . . .

I have also been notified by the
Committee of Whitbies Album, to notify
you that any of the appointed by the
Whitby Ladies, as Whitby
Canada, they must, for this, pay
Dollars into the Bank of Upper
Canada at Whitby, £ Dollars, & Cents

you to pick me up from the
Bank, which I know you can do, by the
time we know before time what they
will cost & will then send you money to
pay for them . .

Please remember me kindly to
your father and mother, &
Eliza and Emily Chamberlain

Yours truly
[illegible]

Hamilton, Ont.
4th July 1841

Chauncey Hall Esq.
Boston
Mass.

My dear Sir.

Will you be pleased to send your license herewith.

And believe me.

Yours sincerely.
J. Baker.
Bishop's Secretary.
Hamilton,
3. July 1844.

Isaac Durham Esqre
&. &. &.
Grimsby.

My dear Sir

I send you herewith one license for the Marriage of Wallington; which you will please receive and deliver.

And believe me.

Yours sincerely.
J. W. Baker.
B. Secretary.
Hamilton. Canada
3. July 1844.

Owen Romaine Esqre
&.
Port Royal.
Canada.

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Sunday.- Hamilton.
10. July 1881.

My dear Friends.

On my return home
last on thursday, it raining all the evening,
I found a letter calling me to Toronto.

So the first thing I done on arriving
there, was to buy this chair, as near as I
could possibly get them for to suit the
Rocking chair.. I paid Five dollars
for them, and altho' they wanted 4.6 each,
more they appeared quite satisfied
with 4.. I have you receipt herewith
I gave direction how they were to be
sent by the City.- Not having met
the Dominion Telegraph office in my
rambles. I telegraphed you.--

I got home here from Toronto, on
yesterday, and so this lovely Sunday sit
down to write you..

I hope the chair arrive all safe and
sound... My friends me, to wish them of City
I never got an answer from the Hon.
Alleine, in reply to my letter.-- he must at
least think, with me that they are the guilty
parties, now more so than they: Keith
represented them.... I am true out, on
my or another, for after coming to my
diary, I find I have travelled 324.
miles during last week.--

We are all well, the boys are doing
well at the bay, 20 Yards in the Water, so
far, more out and more to out..--

I saw George Hague, and given him
the Memorandum about your Rents, he
will write to you Home;

And now Jim, Good by to your book, keep
constant at your fiz Not fiding, you should
look as many fish this week as will pay
for your New Rents.. Be you as it hardly
this as soon as our newly planted
gets home, and will my warm regards to
you both.. I am Yours. H. Hague

Fishery Overseer's office.
Hamilton, 11. July 1844.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 4th instant; in which you say: "Did reference to the Hatheus application for permission to build a boat house on the fishery reserve at Niagara, under authority of a fishery license, you are already aware of the objections raised on similar applications. Would it not be better to give him a simple fishery license, with reasonable limits, &c. in the same manner as to other parties?"

In reply, I have the honor to report, that I believe you are right. — However! I will tell you that Mr. Hatheus, a very taught Boat Builder, has already built the Boat House, in question & a Boat House, he has built for Messrs. Platt, licensed quickly with Platt's Harbour Station Fishery, adjoining the fishery, in the Niagara River, in front of the Boat House; built by Hatheus with the consent and concurrence of Platt & Co. —

Hatheus, Keeps on hand a number of row boats, for hunting out the anglers and pleasure parties, and he has permission to extend Dock and moorings for his fishing and boat only. I wish to state that Hatheus himself & not Platt & Co. knows for. —

I am happy to inform you, that every thing is most agreeable amongst all concerned. —

I have with due respect. —

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
J. W. Kerr —
Fishery Overseer.

Wm. McKellar Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa. — —

Fishery Overseers office.—
Hamilton, 11. July 1881.—

Sir

It is with extreme regret, I have to report, by wiring in Toronto Bay on the 22nd. of June last, near his residence there, on Toronto Island, Mr. Patrick Grey, a good, true and worthy fisherman.—

His body was found floating, or rather he was standing upright in the water, his hands placed in front of his body, as if in the act of rowing.—

His body was found on Saturday the 2nd of July, and he was buried on Sunday the 3rd of July instant.

May he rest in peace, and with due respect.—

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
J. W. Tyler.
Fishery Overseer.

W. H. Whitcher Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa.

Mr. Patrick Grey was drowned by wiring about the 15th part of his body above water when found.

Fishery Overseers Office ..
Sir. Hamilton. 11. July 1861..

I have the honor to enclose you herewith, Bank draft #No: 150, for the sum of Eighty dollars.

Will you be pleased to apply this amount, as a bounty for fishing ~~two~~ persons only with a single hand or set "Trail" in Lake Erie, in front of Lots #Nos: 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. and 13. Banks Tract, Township, Township of Walpole, County of Haldimand..-

This license to extend into the Lake One Hundred and fifty Yards..-

I only received this Money this day from Messrs H. W. Ainsley and John S. Allen, the licensees residents at Port Dover, and I have just now sent them their license, while mind you, I could not obtain this money from them sooner, although they have been fishing to my own knowledge, since the 25. of May last..-

I send you copy of letter which I received from Ainsley and Allen, with an order for this $.80. dollars, so that you may understand, what manner of men they are.. However! with [redacted] they, and the other persons that fishermen apply to you, on the subject of Bay license Licenses; please refer them back to me, as I am quite able to manage Messrs John S. Allen Bros; - and will not wish them out of the nets.. And with much respect..-

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
A Leitch
Fishery Overseer.

W. H. Weekes Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa. -

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Ohio Penn. July 7th 1814.—

Mr. M. Henry Leech
Philada. & Penn. Co.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 5th Inst. Mr. Clark's letter, Philada. 2nd Inst. with respect to your offer for supplying coal, being desirous of purchasing, I wish you the quantity 1000 Chaldrons, by your last letter to me, that you consented to furnishing the Government of the Department, I must the whole amount of the loss for a short time, or long a time—; please me me of the opinion with the power will follow in this matter that this arrangement is a very great injustice to the Enterprise, consequently we have to request the ship price & the Government, me me your answer when they requested that every Company that has been engaged in Public Service should have, have such money, rather than Loans &c, they will not [redacted] like injuring the will of such, altogether, but on the other hand will would show, But we think that you will the consideration things you made us [redacted] Government to do so.—

If the Government the requisition will require the whole amount we will proceed to do you.—

Kindly present welcome Lady, me the Doctor, who unite [illegible] you the success.—

Yours, &c.

Quicky. me Ellis.—

Hamilton, Ont.
19. July 1881.

Gentlemen,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, enclosing to me an Order, on Mr. Foster, a Fish dealer, in Hamilton, for the sum of Eighty dollars, to apply on your Licence in Lake Erie, for fishing two pound nets only, with a single head or "pot," each; to extend into the Lake 1½ Rods, in front of Lots Nos. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12 and 13. Broken Front, Concession, township of Walpole, and County of Haldimand.-

In reply, I have to inform you, that your Order when presented by me was duly honored, I received the Money, and despatched it to The Commissioner of Fisheries, Ottawa.- I also sent the Commissioner, a copy of your letter; I now send you, your Licence, for this present season, as above; duly receipted this day, and countersigned.-

And when you send me $40.00 more, I will apply and get you up the third Licence, Mr. John D. Allen, seems a little moved about;

I know everything about the Fish dealers pound Net fishermen; and as far as you are concerned you have nothing to complain of [illegible] but me; for I order present you nothing, until you first pair me; if so disposed; Mr. Allen, may make himself easy; As I dont just like wiping the Brave fishermen out of existence"! - "But do I want to Kill the Enemies"?-

At the same time, I may tell you candidly, that before I enforce upon the half season licence system, I thought it well over, still expecting some pound Net fishermen, would apply, or talk to me something about it...-

I made the discovery myself, on the 9th May last, myself when I drew for the

Hamilton, Ont.
15. July 1881.

My Dear Mr. Ellis

I send you by Mail to day, the John Rochester Guinea for the Black Horse, situated on the Welland River, near your place on the Niagara River..

The Guinea is for the year 1880.- this is the first year..

Mr. Allen, he has not paid me for 1881.- You will please hand him Lord Lisgar's giving you him, the sum of Six dollars for year 1881. which you will please send me..

Mrs is Mr. Orr. Give my kind re. gards to Mrs Ellis, and the children.

The boys have the Hay all down, and wheat will be ready for cutting next week.

Write me. Yours Truly.

Jno. Orr. P.O.

Mr. Wm. Ellis
Niagara.

Dear Sir Honor Mayor Rochester...

I was very glad to hear from Mr. Hyde, that you have been making chances of fish... If legally, and properly caught under Lease or Licence from the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.- I shall never molest nor interfere..

But if White fish are caught in close season, and brought to the Hamilton Market, - and I am ordered by the department to prosecute, I am bound to do so; mention the name of Mr. John D. Allen, who took with the Honor at Brant; last November, during close season, two Barrels of White fish, from Manitoulin, with a fine picture on the top of each Barrel of white fish, as the department informs me.- Trust believe me,-

Yours respectfully.

Thos. Wilkes
Fishery Overseer

Mr. J. Allen Esqr.
Grand Manitoulin.
Lake Huron.

Hamilton, Ont^{o}:
13. July 1881.—

J. W. Kerr Esqre
Kingston.—

My dear Kerr.—

I give you here an appointment as I am not sending me as you promised; the 3rd returns.— Pay and let me have it an receipt of this! because you are hardly aware how familiar they are with me, about having you,—particularly young Nobs. in the department. Ottawa!—

I am not permitted to allow any fresh net fishermen, to commence his calling by fishing: until he has first paid his license fee: be please send me the money at once; you are aware that I am willing to allow you some little indulgence in this respect, but when granted by the Fisheries department for your money. I have no alternative in the matter. And with Kind regards to Mrs R. Herbert. Esq.— believe me as usual.— Yours Sincerely.

13. July 1881.—

Hamilton, Ont^{o}:
13. July 1881.—

My dear Allan.—

I expect shortly, to come up. and again sit the Contractors of the fisheries act, committed by John A. Allan, and others, during White fish close season last year, as you have already appeared me.—

I want you to furnish me with the Names of Allans Bros, at the time the offence was committed; Also the Names of David Moore Esqre, and Townsends Bros! during close season for White fish last November,—

How many pounds has David Moore Esqre fishing at present.— How many has Allan Bros. and how many pounds has the Hardisty people fishing.— I was glad to have your letter. fish dealer. Hamilton, that Thanks and you are doing well, and he expressed to me the pleasure he had in dealing with you.— Believe me. Yours Sincerely.

W. fish. Address Esqre
Port Dover,

H. Nelles
D. O.—

Fishing Company Office. -
Hamilton 10. July 1820. -

Sir

I have the honor to receive your Letter of the 7th instant, notifying me that the Citizens of Hallowell, of Kilmo Creek has been appointed Fishing Masters for the Lake portage of the Town of York. -

This is a piece of about 20 Miles, being between the Province and Bell Island. - Do I do not know my Superiors. - please let me know. -

I am with due respect. -

I have the honor to be.

Sir. -

Your Obedt Humble

Servt

Fishing Master

Lt. Col. Nichols Esqr.
Commissioner of Fisheries
&c &c &c
&c &c &c Armed Esqr
Fishing R. R.
Gleanor. -

Mr. Custis Home.—
Dickenson.— } You will
Wilson.— } please pay
this account

as soon as you possibly can.— As
you may choose. I am home to
Mrs. Wood and Leggett for the
present.— And I also sincerely
hope, with your brother for Nancy
Custis Daddy, that he taking my
Name in vain,— and the Names
of Gilliam, he never known, than
in fact of brevity of family.—
Your power in filing is very
small, whenever you begin to set
low and Order to defiance.— Be
prudent and careful.— yours &c.
Hamilton. Custis
18. July 1781.

Mr. Wood.—

You write me word that you have got
Wilson Gill, & believe it likely I will have
done & Mingoes in grinding next.— I want
to see the Rum, get the Liquor ready for
him, for he is fishing, has your representation
of a Black Mrs. J. P.— the wedding with
Sidney Home. Aunt Nancy being big, we
cannot send Royal Aunt then, for which I beg
to receive his Blessing!— Get some person to
cut the Weeds on the Lot.— Give Redhead
his Licence; give J. a dram for breaking the
fishing Net.— And many other matters and
things I have to dispose of, we put your
heads and mine together, and see what
can be done for your friend Mr. Ringgold.

We are all well, and have harvested ninety
ten loads of Wheat in the Barn, more in
shocks in the fields. Nanky cutting today:

Fishery Overseers' Office..
Hamilton. 15. July 1891..

Sir,

I have the Honor to receive from you, the copy of Letter dated Simcoe, 12th. June 1891. from Isaac Wilson, of Normandale, referred to me by you to report upon: thus!-

Copy.-

"I write to you to know if I can Lease "Kibbe the Indian ground, or Creek ground. I "think give you as much for it or a little more "than they pay by the rod every". Then ground "are at Turkey point, County of Norfolk."-

In reply. I have the Honor to report, that I have understood what Wilson is doing at. He has taken simples. the fishing Stakes are not removed, and he cannot have them at any price. When fishing a Creek that passes at Kibbe Inn, under the B. C. Railway Superintendence, and price a Lease for, as I know.-

On the 11. April last, I visited Turkey point.- and I saw a Line or a Net at Normandale, and was told it belonged to Isaac Wilson, Esq engineer. I gave he was not going to fish this year.- I then recommended the Wilson with an exemption license in Lake Erie. at Turkey point, if he wants to fish.- If you will please refer him to me.-

I have with due respect.-

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
Thos Fisher
Fishery Overseer

The Chief Inspector
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa.

Fishery Overseer's Office.—
Hamilton, 15. July 1881.—

Sir,

I Have the honor to receive your Order, dated 12. July, to report on Messrs Sleeman and Davidson's letter, dated Guelph, 4. July 1881.—
"Complaining that no fry were placed in Ouelmick Lake".—

In obedience to your order, I have now the honor to report, that so far as I am individually concerned in this case I have all within my power to have fry placed in Ouelmick Lake last spring, and the copies of letters attached hereto, will I hope satisfy you, on this point.

My Official Report, dated 12th of November 1880, on Ouelmick Lake, was duly made by me to the department.—

My letter written to Mr F. E. Kilmark. M. P. for Fry, dated 14. March 1881. was duly acknowledged by him, and Fry promised.—

And my application to you dated 3rd of June last, will convince you I am not to blame in this matter.—

I also attach the copy of a letter dated 9th of June 1881,— which I received from Mr Lemuel Wilmot as a reply to my application to you, of the 3rd of June, and to Mr Kilmarks application of a previous date.— I have not yet communicated the contents of Mr Wilmots letter to any one, as I was led to believe, until I got this letter, that an ample supply of Fry. White fish and Salmon trout would be forth coming for Ouelmick Lake..

I have not addressed Mr John Davidson.

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa.——

since the month of March last, when I returned you the annual license fee, by your Order, that Messrs Stevenson and Davidson wished to pay as an annual license fee, for the Control of the Lake, which was declined by the department.--

The fact is, I feel regret, and sadly disappointed and humiliated about this fry, because when taken these fry were planted in Rushington Bay, on the 9th of May last, I was then told by young Mr Charles Wilmot, and the Watcher-person, previously the same, that fry were also, to be planted in Rushink Lake.--

When I received the public Notice setting apart Rushink Lake, I sent them to Mr John Davidson, for distribution, and this letter to you of 4th July, begs! he posted them in the Town and Villages.--

Messrs Stevenson and Davidson, in their letter say: "We would request that the restriction be taken off, for this year."-

I suppose it would be no harm to comply with their request, if it can be done!- Besides this application fully convinces me, that these fry, therein desire to have full control of Rushink Lake under a license as my report of 12. November last, set forth.-- And with due respect,

I Have the Honor to be,

Sir.

Your Obedient Servant

John W. Kerr. -

Fishery Overseer.

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I leave, on getting your decision go up, and endeavour to satisfy those gentlemen of the good intentions of the department, if so instructed.

J.W. Kerr.

D.o.

Copy
Private

My dear Sir,

Will you be so good when making application, to have Salmon Trout Fry, sent from the Govt Fish Breeding Hatchery, at Newcastle, Ontario, and plants at Port Credit, Oakville, Niagara, Winona, and Glenora, in Lake Ontario, to also apply for to have 10,000. planted in Rosseau Lake, who is situated in the township of Rosseau, and County of Wellington.

This Lake is about 2 miles, from the Village of Rosseau, and is in every manner, a splendid small Lake of pure spring water, containing 400 acres of water, has sides small bays, and Coves. - -

There is at present an application from Mr. John Davidson of Guelph for to lease or Lease this Lake, to. from The Hon. The Minister of Marine and Fisheries, and I have strongly recommended the same to be granted in my report, dated 12, November 1880. - Get it, and peruse it. -

If convenient, you might call at the Fisheries dept and see Mr. Whitcher, the Commissioner of Fisheries, and ask to see my report. Mark Mr. John Davidson, and his father, are sound Conservatives, and warm political friends and supporters of The Right Hon. Sir. John A. Macdonald, and his administration.

I am not aware, whether you know the Messrs Davidson, or not, they are good Conservatives, and the father is well and favorably Known to Sir John, for many years. -

When you read my report you will see therein everything connected with the beauty of Rosseau Lake, and I would like very much if you would be pleased to recommend to have 10,000. White fish fry. plantes therein from the Sandwich, White fish, Hatchery. The Lake is the property of the Dominion Government, and as such, is deserving of Consideration, and should be stocked with all our choice fish. - You can tell

Wm. Whitelaw, if you think proper, that I have drawn your attention to Pontiac Lake. - -

With due respect,

I am, Your Obedient Servant,

John Wickens. P.O.

Hamilton, 19. March 1881.

W. Kilvert Esq.
Sec. N. N. N.
House of Commons. Ont.

P.S. I will write to the Dominion to day. I applied to you. - J.W.

Li. Copy. - Hamilton, 3. June 1881. -

I have the honor to report for your information that during the sitting of the late House of Commons, I was led to believe, by a letter I received from W. Kilvert, Sec. pro. for the City of Hamilton, who stated he applied to you, that some Kinds of Fry, might be sent to Pontiac Lake, and from a glowing account furnished to, and published in Hamilton Spectator, I was led to believe myself, it was about to be done a little while ago. -

By the attached letter herewith, from Mr. John Davidson, of the City of Guelph, it appears nothing has been done there yet - in this direction. - -

The sitting apart of Pontiac Lake. N. N. W. for these years, ancient not - - ch, if a supply of fish, is not placed therein. It is public Government Water?

If there is no one else to do it, will you be pleased to allow me to assist in the matter. -

And please refer to my report to the department, dated 12. November 1880, on this subject. -

I am with due respect.

I have, &c. &c.

J.W. Wickens. -

P. Engineer.

W. J. Whitelaw Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa.

Copy.

Newcastle, June 9. 1881.—

My dear Mr Kerr,

I write with much regret, at my inability to carry out your wishes in reference to Lake Rushiel, the circumstances are these, in apportioning my quota of fish all round, I had set aside a lot for your immediate locality at Hamilton, as per the first request of Mr Hilbert, it appears a second application was made for some at Rushiel, this I had at first overlooked, but intended if our supplies held out to have sent you some for that place. Our stock have out sooner than expected, and I am very sorry that I cannot now accommodate you or Mr Hilbert, only with the assurance, that we can give you a very large stock next season.—

If opportunity offers, I would like to visit your little Lake and see what it is best adapted for.—

We will be able to give you speckled trout, Salmon Trout, white fish or perhaps next year.—

You had therefore better let your friends get as many of the lower order of fish out of the Lake as possible, with a view of giving it a big lot of fry next spring.—

No Kind enough to explain to Mr Hilbert how this has happened, I have to go west almost immediately to Lincoln some 40 miles Westerlies.—

I am Yours Very Truly.

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Hamilton, Ont.
11. July 1891.

My dear Sir.-

Will you be pleased to send me the sum of forty dollars, as license fee for fishing one pound in Lake Erie, at Sandusk Creek, in the township of Walpole, County of Haldimand.-

As soon as the Ruling, commences to fish, the second pound, you can send the license money for it.--

When I remit the amount $40.- I will send back the license for the pounds. I received from the department, and have it cancelled;- and apply for a license for you to fish two pounds, as you propose.- Pardon me for keeping you this time, and believe me.

Yours respectfully.
J. Wilkes.-
Fishery Overseer

N.B. Inner Esq.
Merchant,-
Simcoe.

P.S. As soon as I receive your $40.- dollars, the pound license for amounting to $400. will be paid in; and no fuss about it.- Yrs. Ever.

J. Wilkes. P.O.-

Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton. 16. July 1861.—

Sir:—

I have the Honor to report for your information, that since my appointment to the Norfolk division on Lake Erie, vice Mr. C. L. Ringham, I have had paid me as License fees, for fishing in Lake Erie, and which I sent to the Fisheries department, Ottawa, a sum of Four Hundred and Ninety dollars.—

Of this amount, Mr. Owen Mowers, F. Guardian, Port Royal, collected, and sent me £24. for Stark Co sundries. Whilst Mr. Jas: W. McInnis, F. Guardian at St. Williams, only collected £5. on a license for William Palmer. I sent him to deliver:— I collected £461. dollars of the amount myself.——

Now it appears to me so far! that Mr. McCall is of little, or no use whatever to the fisheries, at and about St. Williams; still I do not wish to recommend to you his removal from office.— But I cannot get over facts: On the 20th of May last, at his request, I filled up 16. spearing licenses, at £1. each, for spearing in the Inner Bay, Turkey point, L. Erie. he having given me the Names of the persons who had been spearing, and who objected paying, unless they got such licenses, and he would collect the money, £16. and send it to me, for the department.——

And altho' I have written to him, I have heard no more about it.——

I have also directed him to please Ferris, Jackson Holmes, and Snook, within Fishing bounds and Lots as established by Mr. Thos: Walsh, P.L. Surveyor; he has not done so, neither has he written to me on the subject.

W. H. Hutchins Esq.
Commissioner of fisheries,
Ottawa.——

Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton, 16. July 1881.—

Sir

I have the Honor to submit for your informa=
tion, an account sent me by Mr. William Woodward, of
Port Rowan, amounting to the sum of $2.50 ¢, which he
claims, as due to him by the department of Marine and
Fisheries, for supplying Mr. C. L. Bingham, with a pair
of Oars, and paddle, for Government Boat used by him,
as late Fishery Overseer, of the Norfolk Division.—

In connection with this, I have to report that I have
just had a letter from Mr. Owen Bowers, Guardian, at Port
Royal,— stating that a Boat House built on Big Creek,
on Mr. C. L. Bingham's property at Rowan Mills,— has
been offered for sale by Bingham; and to enquire if
the Fisheries department paid for the lumber and
building of this Boat House.— If so! Bowers tells
me, he can sell it to a Mr. Brown, and remit the
amount to me for the department.— please
advise.— The Boat House, is 5 Miles, from Port Rowan
Bay, and 7 Miles, from Lake Erie,— and the land being
about to be sold under a Mortgage sale given by
Bingham; Bowers writes me so as to secure Some=
thing by the Sale of Boat House, for the department
if department granted money in the first place, for
to build this Boat House.— Please examine and
advise me.— And with due respect,

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir
Your Obedient Servant,
A. Hill Wickham.—
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa.— —

Sir

Fishery Overseers Office.
Hamilton. 18. July 1881.

I have the honor to apply to you for Hawk Licenses, for the undernamed persons for to fish in Lake Erie, during this current season. . . License fee $0.
1. Mr Austin Franklin, Walsingham. For a Boat License to fish 100. Hooks, on Night lines, in Lake Erie, in front of the west half of Lot No: 1. B Front, township of Walsingham.-
2. Mr Jefferson Cadagon, Walsingham. For a Boat license to fish 100. Hooks, on Night lines, in Lake Erie, in front of the East half of Lot. No: 1. B Front, township Walsingham.
3. Henry Brownier, Walsingham, For a Boat license, to fish 100. Hooks, on Night lines, in Lake Erie, in front of the west quarter of Lot No: 9. B Front, township Walsingham.-
4. Jacob Abbott, Walsingham, For a Boat license, to fish 100. Hooks, on Night lines, in Lake Erie, in front of the west quarter of Lot No: 2. B Front, Township Walsingham.
5. Thomas Lutes, Houghton, For a Boat license to fish 100. Hooks, on Night lines, in Lake Erie, in front of Lot No: 1. - South of Lake Road Township Houghton.-

please send me Licenses, I will have pleasure next remittance, and with due respect. -

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
Wm. W. Law.
Fishery Overseer.

To
W. J. Whitcher Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa.

Hamilton, Ontario.
18. July 1881.

My dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your $2. dollar postage stamps, and 50 ct. licence, and have applied for the five licenses. - please dont send me any more of those large stamps.

Now then I want to tell you about the Boat House and William Woodwards bill, for oars, and paddle. I applied for instructions to the fisheries department Ottawa, and in a few days will report to you the result. - You will please notify your friend Wm Brown accordingly. - -

There is another matter to which I wish to refer, and bring under your special notice at once, so that you may at once examine into the matter and set this all right instantly. - - Thus! You will have to see all those people, who failed on other fishermens books and have and tell them from me, they must not blind the Davis, any longer in the dark, they must take out licences in their own respective Names at once. - Otherwise you must proceed against them, and confiscate Boats, Nets, and Gear, under the Order in Council, dated Ottawa 26th of August 1870. - And if any refuse to pay the small fee of 50 ct. you must cite them before Col: Wilkes of Port Rowan. - See them all first, and tell them the law, and if they dont pay at once - why send me their Names, residence, Offence, and date committed, and I will instruct you to proceed. - All the fines, however go to the Fisheries department Ottawa, but the Magistrate will allow you all costs to which you will be legally entitled! -

It is about time that this was done, and this Childs play stopped. -

I filled out 16 separate licenses from 1 to 16.

Yours

Hamilton, Ont.
15. July 1881.

My dear Lizzie

Dem mi receipt of
your 12. dollem postage stamps, one 50 ¢
piece, mus have applied for the fire li=
brary. - please dont leave me out more
of this long stamps -

Why the D'ment is it you dont let
poor Jimmie our Wilkinson Wedderburn take
for Sara, our fiancée. I applied for si=
tuation in the Finance department Ottawa
and in - for long with respect to you.
He has. Why wile please notify your
friend why Jimmie accordingly. - -

Then is another matter I intend I
would be safer and long under your
superior advice as mine. Do that you and
at once examine into the matter and let
me in all right accordingly. - - Then! You
made love to me all those fine, why
Jimmie or other Philosophers hearts and then

and take them from me, they must not
blame the Lizzie, and longer in the dark,
they must take out learner in their own
respective phrases at once. - Otherwise you
must pardon them, must give
them, and forgiveness Lizzie, must be
under the Ban in Toronto, better Ottawa
as 25th of August 1870. - but if any refuse to
fuel the knee for 50 ¢ you must take
them before the Office of Art Review. -
Do them all quit, one take them to be,
one if they dont fuel at one - adjourn
me this Thursday, residence, Office, one
date Committee, one 2 mile instant you
to proceed. - see the fire, Review by the
Philosophic department Ottawa, but we
altogether mile allow you all such to
what you make be legally entitled. -
It is about time that this was done, one the
Philosophic Fuel adopted. -
I gather out the Japanese Princess you

Mr Ball, Fishery Guardian, St Williams, and I sent them to him on 20th of May last, and the matter has since remained. — I wonder if this is the sixteen dollars, appearing hence paid into Mr Ball, Store Keeper, at St Williams, that I heard about. — Will you kindly run down to St Williams, enquire into this matter, and report at once to me all the particulars, giving Names of all the persons who paid in this money, and what became of it. —

See Mr Jas: W. Ball, Fishery Guardian, first, he should join you in the report. —

I find that up to this present date, I have sent the fishery department Ottawa, from the Norfolk Division, upwards of $1400. dollars, since appointed to Mr S. L. Bingham's place, for licenses — all cash, besides some tangle record documents of Mr S. L. Bingham. — — —

You should ask Bingham, if the department furnished funds to him-

Boat House! —

It is to me a very unpleasant piece of business to be obliged to have to look sui to matters, so closely! and which is likely to damage the reputation of the late Coroner. —

However! let the consequence be what it may, — "England expects every man will do his duty". — —

I have no more to add, except I would advise!! — Stand to your Arms, and March in good Order. — .

And believe me. — —

Yours Sincerely.
J. W. Kerr. —
Fishery Overseer

Queen Bowers Esq
P. Guardian.
Port Royal,
Ont.

Dear Thomas! —

It is to me a very unpleasant piece of business to be obliged to have to look in to matters, so closely! must instill it fitfully to consider the imputation of the late Treasurer. — —

Thomas! let the consequence be what it may, — "unpleasant aspects must often mark the line of his duty". — —

I have no more to write, except I murder Denis!! — Thank to your illness, and allowed in your order. — —

Dear Dennis me. — —

Yours sincerely
Wilson. —
Finlay Graham

Dear Thomas Esq.
&c. &c. &c.
Bat Royal
Perth.

Wilson. Finlay Graham. Esq. Melbourne, 6 Dec. 1854 to Finlay Dec. on the matter the Denis Removal. — Answer. If this is the Custom Orders. Opening Denis Point not yet Wilson. Thos Hope. &c. Melbourne. Thos 3 Dec 1854. — Mile Opp. Hon. to Esq. Melbourne. Enquire into this matter, and report at once to me the particulars. giving Reasons of the Persons not Point in this mean. and what Reasons of it. —

Hon. Sir: W. Thos. Finlay Graham, Esq. to Denis Gin Opp in the report. —

I Opin that up to this present date, I have had the Finlay Department Office. Opp the Height Denis. Opposes of Esq. Orders, since appointed to the Gov. &c. Hon. Thos Opp Denis. — the Gaol, Denis Opp Denis. — the Gaol Denis Opp Thos. — — —

Opp Denis not Denis Hon. of the Denis-

Fishery Commissioner's Office,
Hamilton, 18. July 1881.

Sir,

I have the honor to apply to you for a Boat License for Wm. Wm. Whitehead of Lucknow, for to fish 10.000 yards of Salmon Trout and white fish gill Nets in Lake Superior during the balance of this current year. - as per application attached, and which I recommend, you will be pleased to grant immediately. -

The license for same to be forwarded, and paid on his return. - I will attend to it. -

I have with due respect. -

I have the Honor to be
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
W. Whitcher. -
Fishery Overseer

W. F. Whitcher Esq.,
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa. - -

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Fishery Overseer's Office.—
Hamilton, 18. July 1881.—

Sir.

I have the honor to report for your information that I am fencing in a Lot on the Shore of Niagara river where I expect to Erect White fish, and Perhaps with the sanction and Concurrence of the Fisheries department.— It is a thing almost next to impossible to procure Cedar posts, and then only at a price of 2½ each.— —

At Queenston Heights on the Bank of the Niagara River, there is at present a Great Lot of Cedars, Continually being Cut, stolen and Taken away, some people say that this place belongs to the Fisheries; no one else attempts to lay any claim to it.— —

Will you be pleased to permit me to get about fifty Cedar posts there, to finish my fence; now at a stand Still for the want of posts.— As you will greatly oblige. Dear with due respect.

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
J. Phil. Wilson
Fishery Overseer

The Hon. W. Wilmot Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa.— —

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Hamilton, Ontario
18. July 1881.

My dear Woolcombe,-

I have duly received your letter, and I have granted your application, and I have strongly recommended the same to be granted immediately.--

Will you be pleased to give me full particulars of the drowning girl in Dalhedges Bay,- what caused that death! what kind of girl she was and if small or large in size.- If you can examine them very carefully and give me all particulars.-

And believe me.---

Yours Sincerely,
J. W. Kerr.-
P. Ranger

W. B. Woolcombe,
Fisherman,
Leslieville, Ontario.

My dear Sir,

Will you be pleased to hand me by post P.O. Licence stamp. for this current year, and I will send you your License. I have a letter from your son-in-law at Jates gulley - about fishing a line there for you. to which I replied, and that is the last of it.-

I want your money. & at once.-

And with Kind regards.-

Yours truly
J. W. Kerr.
Fishery Overseer,
Hamilton, Ont.

20. July 1881.-

W. Thomas Ontario,
Fisherman.
Port Dalhousie, Ont.

Hamilton, den
18. Juli 1881.

Meine liebe Mutter.

Deine Karte
vom 14ten, und 4 Tage später
Deinen Brief, und 4 Tage darauf
Deine Photographie, und 4 Tage darauf
Deinen Brief mit Inhalt

Hamilton, Ont.
7. July 1921.

My dear Mr. Anderson...

I have your letter of the 5th inst., which I have already acknowledged by telegram. I am very glad to learn that you have arrived safely in Canada and that you are pleased with your new position. I am sure you will find it very interesting and I hope you will be very successful.

I am sorry to say that I have been very busy since my return from Chicago and have not had time to write you before. I am sending you herewith a copy of the letter which I wrote to Mr. Hoover on my return from Chicago, and also a copy of the letter which I received from him in reply. I am sending you these letters because I think you will be interested in reading them, and because I think they will give you a fairly clear idea of the situation in Chicago. I am sure you will be glad to learn that the Conference was a great success and that the Canadian Delegation, as a whole, and I myself personally, have received very favourable comment for the part we took in the Conference.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Hoover, and I am sure he will be glad to receive your letter. I am sure he will be glad to receive your letter. I am sure he will be glad to receive your letter.

Yours very truly,

[illegible]

Mr. Jos. Anderson,
Chicago.

Fishery Guardians' Office..
Hamilton, 20. July 1881...

Sir.

I have the Honor to reply to your communication, and to report to you as follows: ..

1. Owen Beaumont, or Owen Bowers, Fishery Guardian, at Port Royal, is one and the same person. His post office address, is Port Royal. .. Ontario.

2. James W. McCall, Fishery Guardian, at St. Williams, is the other Guardian, and his Post office address, is St. Williams, Ontario.

Mr. C. L. Meighen, had only these two men as Guardians, at the time he was suspended, and I was ordered to take charge of Norfolk division. ..

Then, there is Mr. William H. Leary, Fishery Overseer, Long point, his Post office address, is Port Rowan, Ontario. .

I understand Mr. Leary's pay is to be $50. for this year. ..

Owen Beaumont's pay is $35. dollars. He is a good active man, and should be promoted from 1st. of July instant, to $50. a year. And I have much pleasure in recommending him to your Consideration for this amount. .

Mr. James W. McCall's Salary, I understand was to be $25. .

And with due respect.

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
Jno. W. Kerr. .
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries
Ottawa. .

Copy.

Hamilton, C.W.
20 July 1841.

My dear Sir.

Yours of the 11th inst. received, and noted: There was no intention of doing any thing to affect you in your fishing rights. When I received the 1st from Rowland, for last year, and sent it to the department, Ottawa, I gave the particulars about the Point Abino R. and then it was that I received a reply from the department, which my report of 11th instant, will show you. You must be: home in Writing and thinking with me. and the caution then to be observed in all my own fishing actions and applications. I applied to get some Crown posts at Queenston Heights - if granted, I will have some, and get them out, and with this regards - Yours, &c.

J. Wilkes

Hon: Chief Justice
Thorpe.
&c &c &c.

Copy.

Sir, Hamilton, C.W. 2 July 1841.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 6th inst. in which you say: "With reference to Mr Rowland's application for permission to build a Point House, — the fishery reserve at Niagara under authority of a license, you are already aware of the objections raised on similar applications. Under it not be better to give him a simple fishing Licence with reasonable limits, &c., — the same reserve, as to other parties".

In reply, I have to report, that I believe you are right — — However, I write this to you, that Mr Rowland, a very respectable Canadian, has already built the Point House, on which he is Point House, he has built for Thomas Weir, Esquire guilty with Mr Thomas Lewis Esq. who was the fishing — the Niagara River, — part of the Point House; built by Rowland, with the sanction and concurrence of Lewis Esq — and approved of by me. —

Rowland, Esq. was known, a Number of years, for fishing with the regular

please tickets, one to be permission to
curl club, one minute, for kid fishing, to
Ottawa only! I write to the Editor, not to Chas =
Hood himself. I must have 4 tickets for —
wealthy for the privileges he enjoys. —

I am happy to inform you, that anything
is not agreeable, enough to mention. —
Hoping with due respect.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
[illegible]
Deputy Minister

H. H. Wheeler Esq.
Secretary of Fisheries
Ottawa.

Confidential.

1.

My dear Mr. Wheeler

Your application to me for rods on behalf of the Ottawa Rod & Gun Club, and more lately, duly received. — Some time ago, as I told you, I wrote, & recommended you for what you now write me about.

Mr. Wheeler, the Commissioner of Fisheries is at present away in the Lower Provinces, on a tour of inspection. On his return to Ottawa, he will come up on a tour of inspection to our Rideau division. I received the 2 permits, & shall let you know when they are sent down to me. I will then submit them to the department, and report upon them, and [illegible] the department, & receive them from you. —

Yours [illegible] Mr. Wheeler, J.P. Taylor, written permits for the 4 Rods, viz. Rod & Gun Club, K. R. Rod. Mr. Wheeler, the permits to you, according to the Rule, you must, & then writing whether to the Rod, or to the other, you understand me.

When you get these Notes for me at
Sir Williams - and then to me at my
Mothers - must have been quite 9 pm
Sunday - & Saturday 9 pm for your 11th
I know - little you do expect me
giving - "to Rivers" - then as I
said to Rivers, that night"? -
and they have no account of the
whole of it - Impossible that
no question was then Rivers to
and the Rivers y &c. - You think
make for fragment of these Rivers
was then: what?"

Where you have it all!!! -
I have not to know you now, what I
know when you get - and I write
and then happening - and hopefully! -
It is time to put a finish to the
thing for the time all for now. -
Then letter is absolutely impossible, for
all our friends have very thing to

Letters - Then we are more pressing
things. Then y'r things, one of our
troubles was to me, besides I have to
read things over, pay things with
the Book for Others. -

I have the news to read, and the
letter out - Yours Sincerely

Hamilton, Ont.
21. July 1881.

My dear Wollens.

I reply to your application. I have received the following answer. - Yours truly.

Ottawa, 19. July 1881. -

Sir, (Dupl.)

Mr. W. O. Wollens application for leave of absence during pleasure at Rock Point where the Depot Ins. is refused for report to Commr. Inns. That in case of Mrs. Wollens leaving in whose division said grounds are situated. - Be sent on Mr. Dickens report on receipt. Mr. Wollens application will be attended to. - please inform him accordingly. -

I am Sir,
Your obedt. Servt.
W. O. Crouch.
Dr. Inspector of Fisheries

Mr. Jarvis. -
Hamilton.

Hamilton, Ont.

My dear Sir,

With reference to your recent letter to the Commissioner of Fisheries, Ottawa, regarding fish fry. I. for Lake Erie. - I will come up to Guelph on next saturday leaving here 4 p. o. m. train. - when I hope to be able to explain any thing to you more fully personally, satisfactorily. -

Please meet me at your station, when the train arrives there. -

Ever believe me,

Yours Sincerely,
W. Wollens
Fishery Overseer
Hamilton.
21. July 1881.

Dr. Davidson Esq.
M. P.
Guelph. — 3 sec. rec.

Hamilton, Ont.
21. July 1884.

My dear Sir,

I wish you would do your endeavour to get Williams and the Magistrate of Hamilton and go with him to Dundas & Flamboro and get William Cook, Jackson and Davy Sutton - in possession of timber grounds as laid off by Mr Thomas Walsh, P.L. Surveyor, - Mr Walsh was present at the Survey and he knows the boundaries - of which he also I have already given written lines on this matter, but should you require this day you must go then and I will be to do it again.

Yours Truly
John Wilkie
Dy Surveyor

Our Crown Lands Agt
Dundas
C.W.

My dear Sir,

In reply to your note in reference to Messrs Bingham and Morris' Mast House on Big Creek at Port Royal, I beg to inform you that the Timber Department is not aware of any charges having ever been made by Mr Bingham for a Mast House...

You will please therefore not to trouble any further about the matter...

Yours Truly
John Wilkie
Deputy Surveyor
Hamilton, Ont
21. July 1884.

Our Crown Lands Agt
Dundas
Port Royal, Ont

Hamilton, Ont.
21. July 1891.

My dear Lemoine. -

I have just received a copy of the reply statement sent out by Simms, Macallum, receiver to their letter of enquiry sent at the request of Mr. William Hebert, to the Commissioner of Fisheries, Ottawa. You can show this to Mr. Gourdeau, when they come to see you at Tuckey point. -

With me, and tell me on the Phone, and with kind regards, believe me

Yours truly,
J. Lemoine.

Hamilton, Ont.

Copy.

Fisheries Department.
Ottawa, 19. June 1891.

J. Lemoine, -

In answer to your note of 17th inst. I beg to inform you that Mr. Wheat, D.F.O. acted under instructions from this department in the case of Fishery officers in charge in attending the boundaries of the fishing grounds at Outer Bay, Tuckey point. -

It appears that Mr. Wm. Gilmour was requested to be present at the hearing, but declined. -

I have the honor, to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
A. McGill,
Commissioner of Fisheries.

Mr. J. Lemoine, Esq.:
Hamilton.
Simms, Cuts
for Mr. Wm. Hebert.

Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton. 22. July 1881.—

Sir,

I have the honor to send you herewith, Bank draft No: 401. for the sum of Ten dollars...

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows: for this current season as follows;

1. John Taaffe. N. Beach, on a/ct of Lake hauling & c= vers, received and delivered.. $ 6.00.

2. Mrs Anne Eberhardt. N. Beach. On account of = Boat Licence, for to fish pike gill nets in B. Bay; re= ceived and delivered 2.00.

3. Austin Franklin. Wellington co.ty and delivered.— 50.¢

4. Jeff. Sargeon. do. do. " 50.¢

5. Henry Rosamis. do. do. " 50.¢

6. David Abbott. do. do. " 50.¢

7. Mrs: Lister. Brighton. do " 50.¢

Amt. $ 9. 50 ¢

Will be sent you another Name, after a little time, to balance..

$ 50¢

Grand Total. $ 10. 00 ¢

Have with due respect.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
Overseer.
Fishery Service.

W. J. Whitcher Esq.
Superintendent of Fisheries.
Ottawa.

"Immediate"

Hamilton, Ont.
22. July 1880.

My dear Sir,

Will you be pleased to inform me if you know who Arthur O. Bowers is, who appears on Bingham's accounts as Guardian for —

1878.— paid. 25.— 1879. paid.. 25.—

and also inform me,— if you O. Beaumont for 1878. was paid.. 35.

do.. for 1879.. " " 35.

do.. for 1880.. " " 35.—

Give me particulars in full, for the information of the department and [illegible] O Bowers is — and every thing about him.. Be prompt with your answer. —

Yours Sincerely. —

J. W. Kerr. J. Mason.

Mr. O. Bowers or
Beaumont — J. Guardian.
A.R. Royal.—

Hamilton, Ont.
22. July 1880.—

My dear Sir.—

Will you please remain by Mail the following Licenses for fishing Brooke and Lines in Lake Erie, and deliver them: that is to say:

1. Henry Beaumont, Houghton.—
2. George Ellis, do.—
3. Jacob Abbott, do.—
4. Jeffs Balagon.. do.—
5. Austin Franklin.. do.—
6. Thomas Estes, Houghton.—

And oblige.

Yours Sincerely.—

Riley Cooper.

Com Bowers Esq.
Riley Guardian.
Ont Royal.

Fishery Overseer's Office...
Hamilton, 25. July 1881...

Sir,

I had the Honor to receive your letter of the 19th instant, and have now to report for your information, that on Saturday last, I proceeded to the City of Guelph, & there on pleasure Mr. George Sleeman, "Mayor of that City," and Mr. John Davidson, and I explained to them verbally my regret, and your most regret that the department was prevented though an oversight of Mr. Samuel Wilmot, "who is so much regret" from sharing this season with Lake Ruskin, in a distribution of fry. from Newcastle Hatchery, and the Mayor, pleasure Mr. George Sleeman, and Mr. John Davidson, are more properly satisfied in the premises.-

I have also to report for your information, that since your last Ruskin Lake report, R., by your public Notice, dated Fisheries department, Ottawa, 4th April 1881.- not a single perch, trout, nor bass, "which are all the Kinds of fish that are in the Lake"- have been taken for, caught nor taken; nor has a bait been offered by an angler, in its waters; proving conclusively, that one good thing has been established by your protection, viz. "that Ruskin Lake when set apart, R, can be protected;" for the people are good and law abiding.

I gave verbal permission to pleasure Mr. Sleeman, and Davidson, to notify the public, that angling was permitted for the balance of this season, and might be enjoyed by the angling portion of the great throngs of people, that will frequent the Lake, for pleasure and amusement; and thus get rid of a portion of the perch, bass and sun fish; for better kinds of fish and more of them, "such as I have in a former report as recommended", as promised recently, by pleasure Mr. Wilmot.

W. Whitcher Esqr.
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa.

Yours

not agree. But I can assure you no fishing are
granted in Rockwell Lake, and I have not, and I dont
intend to recommend that any fishing privileges
granted therein. —

I did not deem it necessary to go to the Lake again
this time, having made such an examination of it last
November, as to satisfy my mind therefor all purposes.

I am also under an impression that Messrs Young
Sherman, and Dr. Davison, should be given some
substantial authority from the department, by Lease, or
License, which would establish their right and
authority to protect it. — I recommend this, for
your consideration, they were subjects to much in-
dignity and insult by the people last autumn, when it
came to be known, that the Lake was set apart, and
new fish fry, were planted in it. — However, these
Gentlemen, nobly stood their ground, under some
abuse, and with I am sure you may now permit
anything for the balance of this year only, they would
not abuse it. —

Write me a few words, about setting fishing
Lake apart, &c. for three years. —

I have mentioned in this letter, in -
regard, salmon and trout, I suppose the fry
were planted in Rockwell Lake, one from a hatchery
they will be there, only years, at the end of three years
to be fish, this matter protection. —

Now with this request, I have to conclude by
asking you, I hope that Messrs Sherman Davison
will please use diligence at your Election. —

I Have the Honor to be,

Sir

Your Obedient Servant,

[illegible]

[illegible]

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Fishery Overseer's Office.—
Hamilton. 28. July 1881.—

Sir

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of the copy of the report of Thomas Ellis, J.P. — letter, dated 27th April 1881, at Ruskwick, Tuna who begs to set apart, two Lakes, contiguous to Ruskwick Lake:" — and referred to me to report upon, by you!

In obedience to your instructions, I have the honor to report, that I do not think it necessary for the present to set apart, the waters applied for, and referred to by Mr. Ellis.

I have sat down, with Chief Mr. George Sherman, and John Davidson, of Guelph, and discussed this question, and the conclusion arrived at, by us, is! that it is not necessary to comply with the Agents request, who only gives as a reason, that because the small lake, is deeper, than Ruskwick Lake, it is best to be adopted to the propagation of fish.—

The small Lake, now referred to, is also "Dominion Government waters," from which a small stream runs into Lake Ruskwick, as already referred to, in my report to you of the 12th November 1880.— and as per plan sent you.— One reason why! this small Lake, should not be set apart is, that while Lake Ruskwick is set apart, and open up to the public Notice; this small Lake can be fished in, by the public; thereby setting aside one of the imaginary grievances, which some dissatisfied people are so ready to find fault with; because the general opinion prevails in the neighbourhood, that there is much more fish, Bass, perch, and Sun fish, already, at present in this small Lake, than there is in Ruskwick Lake.—

W. F. Whitcher Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa.—

I most respectfully beg therefore to recommend that the smaller Lake referred to, be not let apart.

The girl in Lake Cushmik will always have access to the waters of the smaller Lake, through the small improved running stream flowing from this small Lake, into Lake Cushmik, continually all the year round. — And with due respect. —

Lyman Ellis, I understand is a very worthy old gentleman, who lives about 2 miles away from this small Lake. —

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
Abiel Fuller.
Friday Evening.

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Fishery Overseer's office.—
Hamilton. 25. July 1884.—

Sir,

I have the honor to recommend that permission be given to Mr. John Davidson of Guelph; & to erect Yachting Chart, for stocking Lake Ontario.—

I recommend this for your consideration on the 12th of November 1884.—

It is a very popular place, the Lake Ontario, and is the great resort of Guelph people daily, at this season of the year; more than a dozen of Buggies carrying about 12 persons, each, went to the Lake, from Guelph on Saturday.—

What the most are about entirely know, Davidson are going to the Lake to-day, from: I have just been shown a letter by the J. W. Kerr, Fishery Overseer, Hamilton, from the D. O. Comst, asking for the transmission of fishing, Ottawa, that are to be sent for the Lakes of this year, and catch of some of the Bass, perch, and sun fish.—

Now, more power to the Comst, is the most pleasing news heard.—Davidson has witnesses now, that is Mr. Kerr, who has just brought up the matter, that have to you as in Ottawa, & of you know about you:— And as you will perceive, the Fishing is prepared in Guelph.—

Mr. Whitaker, returns from the Lower Provinces, visiting fisheries in Ontario, & will make to visit Penticton Lake.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
[illegible]
Fishery Overseer

D. O. Comst Esq.
Dr. Ottawa.

Fishery Overseers Office.-
Hamilton, 23. July 1861.-

Sir

I have just received the following letter from the department of Fisheries, dated Ottawa, 21st of July instant.-

Copy.

"Mr William Nelles, wishes to be supplied "with the names of parties holding licenses to fish in "that part of Lake Ontario, fronting the County of York";-
"Will you please supply the information?"-

In reply:-

I have to inform you, that the following persons only are licensed at present to fish in Lake Ontario in front of the County of York.-

viz:

1. William B. Woolverton, Leslieville.-
2. David Ward, and
3. William Ward, Jr. Toronto Island.-
4. Edward Hawken do - do.-
5. Charles Moore. The Humber.-
6. G. L. Hicks. - do. -

Dear Sir.-
Your Obedt Servt
H. Wolfenden.-
Fishery Overseer.

William Nelles Esqr
Fishery Overseer.
Niagara Creek.
Ont.

Memorandum for Lt Commissioner acting Commissioner of Indians.—

Ottawa.—

I am frequently asking in my mind, and I have letters in my pocket, for to pass to you; that Owen Powers, and A. Bannatyne Deputy Sheriffs at Red River, are one and the same person, and identical.— I have sent to Selkirk for you, who thinks O. Powers is! when I will report to you fully and officially.— I suppose he is Owen Powers Son.— But must say at present if he was ever employed as a Deputy Sheriff.—

Yours. &c.

Hon. &c.

Hamilton, Ontario.
15 July 1871.

Note for Mayor

The remaining Rs 478. 0 you shall pay for the following ——— to Francis.

Rs.

A. Bannatyne. Rs 100
Andrew A. Bannatyne .. 25
Rs 75.—

C. Bannatyne. " 50.
Andrew A. Bannatyne. - 25.
Rs 25.

A. Bannatyne. " 25.
J. W. McKay. — " 25.

Do you also remember that Bannatyne & Powers are one and the same person. —

S. W. R.—

Fishery Overseer's Office.
Hamilton, 26. July 1864.

Sir,

I have the Honor to report for your information, that I have been under the impression for a long time past, that the dead fish reported in Ashbridges Bay, Lake Ontario, Toronto; were not all dying therein without some immediate cause or weather, and that cause I was led always to believe was the filth from the Sewers of the City running into Toronto Bay, - and from the Cattle pleuries, forced from the Cattle sheds and stables of Gooderham & Bay, the extensive Distillers of Toronto; through a square Wooden pipe, near a mile long, passing over a swampy marshy ground into the waters of Ashbridges Bay. -

Having ascertained that more dead fish, were seen floating about in the waters of Ashbridges Bay, this season, than ever usually was in years past, and also in varieties. - I wrote Mr. William Woollard, a Licensed fisherman, a resident on the Bay, at Leslieville, asked him to examine them and let me know the cause of so many fish dying. - And here is what Mr. W. Woollard writes me about these dead fish: -

"How do you wanted to know what killed "the fish in Ashbridges Bay? George Jessop and I "examined them and came to the conclusion, that "it is the stuff from the two Lyons". -

"And, two fish was Pickerel trout, some trout, "a few eels weighs, and several Eels, there was some "hundreds of thousands the smallest as fish stood as when "he died which I know to be true". -

Mr. Woollard makes a similar statement relative to Mr. Patrick Hart and his two children, three fishermen on Toronto Island; but whom in duty bound to duly attended to.

Office of Fisheries
Ontario

always exposed against the weather. In Jakes and exposed stacks made against them...

Remarks of Jas Bettle on the necessity and cost of the Dam on the borders of Bibbenjon Bay, in a large and extensive Community of Cattle sheds and stables, with hay and grain from the Subway. How the body may be got rid of the Manure, so to form it through the square Cattle pipe, & how then removed from the cattle sheds &c. away into Bibbenjon Bay. "I dont suppose there is any remedy in this case"! - Remarks should & being of Jackson - they, by the Urban Sanitation, Sanitation, and Health, your office will be resorted to, to prevent a recurrence, and to try to cure myself, or have this Nuisance by it, might not be a greater Curse for the present... When such an obnoxious Cattle Trade and filthy Case for the Cattle Health, as being now carried on all the year round, and for several years past, one of the necessary most unhealthy...

I shall make a minute personal examination and take down and make notes for your further and more perhaps later on in that season, you! may become the plans proposed.

I consider it my duty to submit the report and these remarks for your consideration. -

Hoping to receive a favourable answer with further advice on my part or your later judgment, desire me attending -

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
John Wilkes
Sanitary Engineer

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Colony Secretary's Office.
Auckland, 27 July 1860.

Sir,

I am reply to your letter [illegible] I have again the honor to report that I do not think H. Hammond made to Resident Colony Secretary at Port Nicholson that he was under the same circumstances

It matters not to you or to me what reason that such as the case I would say if Hammond or H. Hammond, Colony Secretary Port Nicholson that I do not think the Enquiry I attended to which the Hon. Governor has replied as per. Enquiry that - "How about Hon. Mayors or Hon. Mr. Hammond, I deny that I am of Hon. character, and Hon. is my duty of Hon."

"It matters not to me what they call me, but in all "writings of my Correspondence I sign my name, the good "old Saxon way".

In answer to my opinion as to who Arthur A. Hammond was - the Hon. Mayor, or Hon. Hammond also replied - "I never know until today that Arthur "A. Hammond or A. Hammond was ever appointed "Justice of Peace, until I saw you at Colony yesterday "in the Colony Court" when I spoke to me in the Court "room. I presume he never valuable services for he has "resided in Wellington for the last 18 years and his "occupation is that of an artist and I have never known "him as an Officer but only as a Gentleman of the "Province. If he was the Officer claim he never appointed "by H. Hammond made no doubt he got the magis "-tracy but I for I never saw artist on the Bench "Justices were sent for Colony from the "Colonies or taken from the Bench and never from "the Class in which they were in this Colony".

I have the
Hon. Governor's
Colonial Secretary
Auckland.

"In reference to the Guardian A. Romans that
" B. L. Bingham appointed I would say he does not
" know him to distinguish a white boy from a Cat fish
" or anything Turtle from a Polecat"...

"My Dear Fred: Has just come in and told me,
" that B. L. Bingham informed him that he recommended
" A. Romans for to be the Guardian of Charley Smith, but
" B. L. Bingham always told me, that Mr. Smith was
" the man, and he once gave me $25 dollars to have
" Smith as Guardian. This is the 1st time that he ever
" I always recognized Mr. Smith as the Guardian, and
" Mr. as other as such"...

Yours

Wm. Romans. Jr. Guardian.

I submit the foregoing for your perusal in the
hope that you will see the matter as we do. -
You may [illegible] something else. I will
write no more to you at present on the subject to
withhold, and hoping to see you soon. -

Ever with pleasant respect. -

I remain Dear Sir &c

Yours obedient Servant

Mother in

Charley Smith

Ad.

Enclosed please find the draft and by express under the
above date.

B. Copy.

Auckland —

Sidney Cameron Office.
Auckland 28 July 1880. —

Sir, —

Will you be please to inform me, if you know who Duke & Rowan is, who appears in Mayhew's account as Guardian for 1878 — from 25 — for 1879 from 25

Duke

Also inform — of the Jews

G. Rowan for 1878 was from £5.
do for 1879. £5.
do for 1880. £5.

You are particularly to state for the information of the Department and also state why Duke & Rowan is, and any thing about him.

Be prompt with your answer. —

Yours &c
(Sd) Alex Sheehan
Sidney Cameron

The G. Cameron. —
Sir, G. Cameron
Auckland
Civil Service

Gentlemen,

It has been reported to me, that you have been fishing in this found that, on your fishing ground in Lake Erie, for some time past...

Your license permits you to fish in Canada only...

Will you be pleased to send me $5.00 dollars, for this this permit, and I will apply at once to the department, at Ottawa, and get you up a License for fishing it...

And Oblige,

Yours, K. K.
John W. Kerr.
Fishery Overseer.
Hamilton, Ont.
6. August 1866.

H. W. Dunlop, Esq.
and
John S. Allan Esq.
Fishermen,
Port Dover, Ont.

Gentlemen,

I have given to Mr. Kerr, in getting with you. - Mr. Clark, M.P. for Norfolk, was down here, the other day, & made a complaint of him. He is a particular friend of mine, & I am sorry he should be annoyed with the matter, & I am sure you will not be annoyed with me, when I tell you, that I am not the author of that: I suppose I may owe you a little favor, for my report to your friends in Ottawa, & hoping this will find you well, & enjoying good health, & in high spirits, believe me to remain Yours Sincerely

J. W. Kerr.

Hamilton, Ont.
27. July 1866.

Messrs. Dunlop, Allan, & Dunlop.

Copy.

Mr. of the Lofts
Bureau of Indians, K.
Hamilton, Ont.

Fort Wayne,
July 21st 1880.

Sir,

Your letter bearing date 22nd June ult. and contents noted. In reference to A. Rowan I am only repeating what I said to you on Saturday last. That he is in the habit of [illegible] some time in April [illegible] of several parties who know nothing about it. I was also informed by parties who live [illegible] that he said he knew [illegible] after A. Rowan was appointed to a man in Detroit, by your agent that if when he was a boy, & an Indian. He employed his time he went to Detroit, and sometimes remained for [illegible]. I was never known him as an officer in the Indians. I made this the day that you were on Turkey [illegible] (the 8th day last) that when A. Rowan came on the Reserve was running [illegible] any [illegible] was told him & I was told they were selling [illegible] out of season. This is the first intimation that I have had of his being an officer. —

In regard to my duties, I can only refer you to [illegible].

I think for the year 1879. I was paid $ 25.—
Do. for, " " 1878. " " " 30.—
" " " 1877. " " " 32.—

I think for the year 1876. Interview a charge from the Department, charged A. B. Meighan, for the sum of $ that was stolen & recovered — was also stolen by A. B. Meighan the Keys of [illegible], was made from [illegible], the other Securities, &c. contents, I know any of the goods or [illegible] was in charge and that it was I that should do so. I do not believe he was [illegible] Interpreter at that time. I shall go to Sibley

in a few days more with such news about it. –

Mrs Chaney is visiting, from Friday first, and Father & Mama, has invited them & Mr & Miss Watkins, and if we know no more about [illegible] than you the [illegible] Hymns [illegible]. I have asked everyone that I thought could give any light on the matter, and this is all I know about it. I shall write more explicitly as soon as this reaches it. I shall ask Mr Watkins, & him if he knows anything about it. You will hear from me in a day or two, on various matters. –

Yrs Ever Dearest,
Lilly Jones.

P.S.

I may be in London, on Thursday, with Mr Jones, & we will then talk over the matter. –

Yrs A.J.

No.

Military Secretary's Office,
Dublin Castle, 20th July 1881.

I have the honor to request you, that
you will be pleased to give another
Ticket for the Levee to be held
at the Castle on Thursday next
the 21st instant, to Mrs. Gunning,
in the place of that which I
sent you, for my use, but which
I have not made any use of.

I am,
Sir,
Your most obedient humble
Servant,
Aide-de-Camp.

Lieut. Col. Cornwallis
Private Secretary to Lord
Spencer.

Hamilton, Ont.
22nd July 1921.

My dear Sir,—

As your letter only reached me on account of Mother & Sisters having changed, not sent by me, to the Victoria, was expected there.

With regard to the amount owing to you before Mother left, I understand from your statement of which you have done.

In regard the Insurance made on the household goods. The Insurance always has to be made for twenty per cent on the household. And I presume the Policies, two were they in the same house.

In answer to the letter to Agnes & made for Gillies, in each case, as a Christian charge every Month. When in regard the Mortgages held by you on property the apply for Agnes for the Girls Mr. Brooks or Miss K. K. I distinctly think you were right, in getting from them the mortgages, it is [illegible] case. As it is best case proper, the they should keep mortgages. I pay the

mortgages on the houses when making the 4 payments Mr. Brooks K. & Kirby paid them over to Miss K. the Victoria superintendent. Miss Agnes the Girls Mortgages. K. was the receipts to by my Solicitor Brooks, was your Solicitor Mr.

In appears your prices. & Kingston with the letters, as I have them Miss.

I intend to go from here on Monday Night or Tuesday morning by train to Port Hope. While you be pleased to write me at Cobourg Ont. Thursday Friday or Saturday next 11 Oct. & Friday leaving Cobourg Thursday 13th inst. Also with you. I would be sure you took these with [illegible] me letter of Agnes & you can write for Agnes, the Girls with them.

Love being with the children K. K. K. K. K. along with you. And with kind regards I believe me,— Yours sincerely,

Jas. Gillies

Miss Annie Gillies
Victoria Hospital
Victoria Square.

1859

[illegible] Sept. –
29. July 1859.

My dear Thomas and Sarah. –

[illegible] I am sorry to say that I have not been to the Superintendent. When I have any – little [illegible] to write to you I will do so. [illegible]

Dibley thanks for very much for the [illegible] of the weight [illegible] I have lost – [illegible] I am glad to hear [illegible] Dibley, why do not the [illegible] write up? Why has Gosling [illegible] I have [illegible] up. [illegible]

I hope you [illegible] I am sorry to [illegible] I [illegible] to Mary Ann [illegible] Dibley

J. Dibley Esq. [illegible]
Mary Ann's [illegible]
Carlisle [illegible]

My dear Sir. –

I am pleased to [illegible] I am sorry not to [illegible] when you come to Carlisle, please [illegible] me [illegible] I am [illegible] Dibley [illegible] I [illegible] I [illegible] I

For the information of the Commissioner of Fisheries.—
Ottawa.—

Statement of William Snook, of Turkey point, a Fisherman; who saith: That on or about the year 1866.— I took possession of the fishery, now occupied by Mrs. Orpha Ferris, at Turkey point, and which my Uncle Isaac Snooks, had given me, he being the Original owner, and occupant of the said fishing station.— I bought from him his Seine, Net, ropes, Boat, and windlasses, for $112. dollars.—

At this time my uncle abandoned the beach ground in front of this Fishery, which he had owned for a number of years previously, and I have in my possession a portion of the land ever since.— My uncle afterwards sold the balance of beach land, in front of No: 1. fishery, at Turkey point, to one Jacob Simons, but Simons had no Seine net, nor no right whatever to this fishery, and he never fished there.— Simons lived there for about 2 years, and then died.—

After his death, his folks bargained and sold the portion of the beach, they bought from my uncle, and then occupied, to Dick Ferris, the Husband of Mrs. Orpha Ferris, and at the time Dick Ferris, had no Seine net.— It was about this time Mr. John W. Kerr, Fishery Overseer,— came first to Turkey point, and I was the fishing on No: 1. fishing station, as was formerly occupied and laid off by Mr. Thomas Wheal, D.F. Overseer, and he demanded of me, the sum of $5. dollars, for Seine fee, and for this particular station; I then paid this $5. dollars, to Mr. J. W. Kerr, and was duly licensed on it, until the next ensuing year.— Then I sold my Seine net, one boat to Richard Ferris, and shortly after Richard Ferris died, and no fishing was done on the ground until the year following.— Then I rented back, the Widow Orpha Ferris Seine net, for one month, at $1½. dollars

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for each, they $6. for a chance. - Then I then gave back this lease to Wm Ferris, and bought a much larger lease from Wm Rodney Plowtrow, - - Wm Kerr Finley Overseer, came again to Turkey point, the next year, and demanded license money again, Wm Ferris refused to pay for a license, they $10. dollars, for the ground; and I paid the money, and I have this fishing ground until the late J. A. Macklemore, was appointed Overseer. I was always put to much opposition, by Wm Ferris, and had to pay an extravagant license fee for this fishing ground. - -

Then I was dispossessed of this ground by Wm J.A. Macklemore late Overseer, and the fishing ground was given to Wm Alpha Ferris, for a nominal sum of $10. a year. - - He never paid a license fee, before for this fishing ground; nor until he paid it to Wm J.A. Macklemore, late Overseer; -

And then Wm J. A. Macklemore changed the ranges, making the fishing ground, in the Outer Bay, of Turkey point, Lake Erie, 300 yards wider in the Lake, than it was on the land, or ranges ever before. -

There fished on this same No: 1. fishing, as it is now, a 600. yard Seine net, and a 350 yard Seine net spliced together, and the ranges were at the time, as they were recently surveyed, and staked off by the Welch. D.L. Surveyor, and so at present time. - -

The lines between Nos: 1. 2. 3. and 4. fishing grounds, are on the same ranges, as my lease has them, and he was the first person, that fished on this No: 1. ground, the stones on the East line alluded to, is close to shore, and does not interfere with the seine net, when fishing, the seine on the Eastern, shore the stones or below them, and the stones do not interfere with the fishing thereon; But there is room for a haul ground, east of No: 1. fishing station - -

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the beach land that Mr. Ogle Owen, has possession of, owns only one half of the land lying ground No: 1. and the beach land I line on covers the other half of land lying ground No: 10. —

I bought No: 4. fishing ground, in Outer Roy. Lake Erie. as owned, and handed down from One fisherman, to another until it passed into the 4th. parties hands, and I paid $70. dollars, to Mr. Rodney Plowhouse, for his said right of No: 4. fishing ground. — And the survey that Mr. J. A. Rockhouse, late Surveyor caused to be made, the lines, or ranges running westward took the right of the water away from me; so that I have had no chance to make anything for a number of years, since I have got away from, and all I ask is, my ground No: 4. as I generally held it, and which corresponds with the late survey, made for the Government, by Mr. Thos: Wadd, D.L. Surveyor. — —

The late survey, is an improvement to the grounds, but still it does not give me all the right to land and waters that I bought from Plowhouse and from my Uncle Jesse Snook. —

I have paid the department, a great deal of money, since I first commenced fishing, as I now wish to have my rights with the rest of the fishermen, according to this late survey. I then will be on the same footing with the rest of my brother fishermen. —

This statement is as correct, as I can give it, and depending it, as it is, true, a number of years. —

The Crop of stones in Rockwood fishing ground No: 4. stones is on the line between fishing stations No: 3. and 4. Jackson, and Rockwood fishing, so that I have no reason to complain of the stones do not harm, more than the usually manner, and it is lifting that. —

Dunkirk Post. 23 August 1881.

Signed, William Joseph Hilson.

[illegible]

Fishery Overseer's Office.—
Hamilton, 6th August 1880.—

Sir,

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank draft [illegible] for the sum of Thirty five dollars.—

With a desire please to apply this amount for that Bailiff's season, as follows:—
1. Mr. to be a Fishery Guard, of the town of Lincoln.—
Hamilton, for a license to fish one season Net only—with a single head or pot, and to extend into the Lake, 100 Rods.—

The license is for that portion of the waters of Lake Erie, in front of Lots Nos 21. and 22. in the township of Niagara, in County of Haldimand; the License fee, is $ 10.—
2. Mr. James Low, Port Dover. For a Seine License, for to fish in the East side of Port Dover Harbour, in Lake Erie, whereby secured, and delivered by me, $ 5.—

I return to you Mr. W. J. Davis, License, for to fish two seasons; that you be pleased to cancel this License, and issue me a License for Mr. Davis, as above for permission to fish One season only.— And with due respect.
I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
John Wilkes,
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esqr.
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa.—

Fishery Overseers Office,
Hamilton. 5. August 1881.-

Sir,

I have the honor to receive from you a copy of letter from Mr. William Wallace M.P. for South Norfolk, to you, enclosing two slandering and untruthful letters, one dated 13th June 1881.- supposed to be from Mrs. Orpha Ferris, a "Killingsgate fish woman" but licensed to fish in Lake Erie, on No: 1. fishing station at Turkey point: the Original letter, does not appear to be signed by Mrs. Orpha Ferris...

This letter from beginning to end is made up however of false hood and lies, one lie exceeding the other in Wickedness, spite and malice all through the piece...

The late survey made by Mr. Thomas Walsh, P.L. Surveyor, under your orders given to me on the 26th. of May last, is on the old established ranges. And Mrs. Orpha Ferris is guilty of a glaring falsehood in endeavouring to show you she has only a 17 chain frontage, instead of 25 chain frontage when Mr. Walsh, commenced to make the survey, having first satisfied himself, where the line stood between fishing stations Nos: 1. and 2,- he measured therefrom East, for a distance of 17. chains, and there planted a post.. This Mr. Walsh done, for the purpose of taking a right angle, at the given old range between Nos. 1. and 2. fishing stations, so as to give him a point to start the survey from.- please refer again to Mr. Walsh's report, and plan of survey.- Mr. Walsh, was as also I, take Charles [illegible], then and there, that his previous fishing ground went away down further East to a

W. F. Whitcher Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa.

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certain Cedar point, the same lake frontage, that No: 1. fishing station, has always been. —

I also now send you a statement given, and signed by William Hook, fisherman, giving a true history of No: 1. fishing station, and from this statement, it would appear that Mr. Angus Davis, has never any right whatever to No: 1. fishing station, at Turkey point, until placed in possession of it, at a reduced rental of $10. dollars a year: — By the late John A. Macdonald, who obtained his position as a Fishery Overseer, by his efforts to Canonize. The Right Honble Sir John A. Macdonald, Knt: in a speech he made at Waterford, on the Pacific Scandal: and for other dirty acts... Alas and good! John A. Macdonald, is dead; and there is nothing to prevent Mr. Davis to fish on No: 1. fishing ground, a 600 yard Seine, if she so desires to do so. —

Mr. A. Davis, says she cannot fish more than between a two and three hundred yard net, owing the rangee having taken away 200. yards in the lake. — In reply to this, I may simply say, she should not be allowed for to fish a larger size Seine, instead the small license she has paid. —

Mr. Wood's plan, and report, I sent you, and Mr. Hooks statement, will show you, how it was managed to give Mr. Davis, and Mr. William Baker, 200. or 300 yards of water, right out in the lake, when they had of Lake frontage on the land. — and there it was Mr. Davis was permitted by my predecessors to set Davy Jackson, for Baker, and Baker, was allowed to practice the same way on William Hook. —

Of the last survey made by Mr. Wood, and approved of by you; every fisherman has to fish in the lake in front of his staked out ground. —

I heard Mr. C. L. Cunningham, has encouraged, this untruthful report to be made to you, by Mrs. Ferris.
I am aware that during the year 1880, when C. L. Cunningham, was Fishery Overseer, he was instructed to fix those fishing ranges between the Stations at Turkey point, but he would not settle the matter. –

Robert Jackson, Davis Jackson, Frank Jackson, Duncan Jackson, Aunt Ke-ny Jackson, and Richard Clarke, Wal' brothers of Mrs. Ferris, and her sister Lucy, and her brotherinlaw Dick Clarke, corroborate, William Brooks statement to you. –

I hope you will now see, that the time has arrived, for you to put a final stop to all this unpleasantness. – I have been more than cautious, and very circumspect; since you have reappointed, to take charge of C. L. Cunningham's district. – –

I saw Mr. William Thomas, P. F., at Dunnville, on Wednesday morning last, and he advised to me, was: "to protect Mr. William Brooks, in the fishing rights?" and which I am [illegible] much pleasure in submitting, and recommending for your consideration and approval. – –

And with profound respect,

I Have the Honor to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

[illegible]

Fishery Overseer.

Fishery Overseer's Office,
Hamilton, 5. August 1881.-

Sir,

I have the honor to receive from you, a copy of letter from Mr William Wallace, ill. p. for the South Riding of Norfolk.- enclosing copy of a slanderous, anonymous letter, dated Normandale, 30th of May 1881. - not signed; but supposed to be from William Palmer of Turkey point, a fisherman there.--

As I understand this matter, the original letter sent you by Mr Wallace, ill. p. is evidently in the handwriting of my immediate predecessor. Mr B. L. Bingham, suspended for applying the stamp he collected as license fees, to his own private purposes, as I have also heard, and I do believe, and since my reappointment, the same has come to my knowledge and under my personal observation, that I presume, it is all right, and proper for me, to obey your order,-

I have therefore the honor to report, that Mr Wm Palmer, nor B. L. Bingham, have no just cause of complaint, as against me; Mr Bingham, however tells a fair story about himself in this letter, but you know Mr C. L. Bingham's antecedents, better perhaps than I do.-- and so let him be!.-

This letter sent to me for to report, states:
"This spring for some reason, Mr Bingham, was
"suspended, and Mr J. W. Kerr, Engineer, at Hamilton
"was sent here temporarily, ever since he has taken
"charge, he has had the law of Mr: F. B. B. and is charging
"every thing small, about 4 cents, on the shore,
"changing my boat so that there are now a large
"pile of stones near the centre of my fishery.

I. H. Whitcher Esq.
Inspector of Fisheries.
Ottawa.

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"which will, if I attempt to fish here my net."

In reply to this grievance, or supposed grievance, I have to report that the stones complained of, are on the line, between Jackson's No: 2, fishing ground; and Halmer's No: 3, fishing ground, were placed there several years ago, by James Brocket, fisherman, who then owned, and occupied fishing station No: 3,- now occupied by Halmer. -

Brocket was fined for placing the stones there, by me, at the time, and when Halmer bought out Brocket, he was aware those stones were there, and he did not express any objection to their being there at that time, nor never since until now. -- It is not true that the line of Nos: 1. 2. 3, and 4, is changed; moving them East, about 30. Rods, Nos 1 and 2, are just the same; as they have always been; and No: 3, according to Brooks statement, is on the old range, placing the stones there also, and not in the centre of Halmers ground, and where the line set, in hauling can never come in contact with them. -- Halmer says! -

"The present ranges will also destroy No: 1. "fishing ground, throwing a large portion of it "upon a point of rocks." --

In reply to the grievance of the 4 fishing berths, and on 4 grounds; I have to again refer you to Mr Brooks statement and Mr Howes whole report, which completely covers this grievance. -

Mr Halmer says; "I have my houses for "this year, and have paid for it, and in doing so "Mr Howe has done, he has favoured two of his "friends, and destroyed two grounds, and forfeited

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a great injustice".—

In reply to all this, I have simply to say, that I repudiate the assertion that the grounds, or any fishing grounds, will be injured, or destroyed, by the change of hours, ordered back by you, to their old established places; at the solicitation of injured persons; who sought nothing, but "British fair play", and protection, and from the statement of the books, now sent you, and former applications sent you through Wallace Wm. & by them and others, you thought no doubt as I did, that these little necessary changes asked for, should be acceded to, and granted.—

To you, as I am personally unknown, my conduct has always been, as all I can for the welfare and prosperity of the fisheries, and so far; my duty in discharging my duties in the Penfold division, have been approved of by you.— Besides I have been able with the assistance of two Guardians, to collect upwards of £600, this year, up to date which I have communicated to you.— I am glad to know I have friends, but no favourites.—

Thomas Deare not of Malmer and G. L. Ingham I must in all justice take the Fishermen's part, by one particular pair of salt fishing nights.— The four Bailiffs should come to you me, and I recommend to your consideration the same.—

My Father Thos Hoggard — Lowestoft, wrote by G. Hoggard the contents of Holmes letter; Says:—

"I have been good age, yet I have never live
"out to the same as entirely, taking my station
"from me, and giving it to another man, and I
"am assisted by the Minister, and for nothing
"and expenses out, I have never

(P.T.O.)

from this decision?" —

Well! in reply to this, the department already knows all about the affair; and it is satisfactory to me to know, that Mr. A. Harris's right to No: 1. Fishing Station, was only here in imagination, until it was given her, by the late J. A. Rackhouse. — I may here tell you now, that no later than last saturday, James W. Mitchell, was at Turkey point, and he writes me thus: — "From "as regards the fishermen at Turkey point, I must "know as you instructed to place each one in pos- "session of his ground; Mr. Nelson, says, he will "hold the ground, under the old Lease, and if "they are moved, he will enter an action at once. "He also says he has a letter from Mr. Whitaker, "stating that if he was not properly notified of the "change, that you did not make him move." I "asked him to show me the letter, but he said "not. — I was there last saturday again, and I "told him, I was going to write you again, and "whatever you instructed me to do, I should at "once do". — Mr. Evans refuses to comply with "the orders, as she says, she has only 17 chains, in "place of 25 chains". — I want to know what is "to be done in this case". — Let me know at "once, and I will, accordingly". —

I was also told, that Nelson Mc. Call on last saturday, that he had got no money from them, yet, and he would go up again! —

I would recommend therefore, that the fishing Licenses, for this season, issued by the department, to Mr. Orpha Travis, William Lee, Levy Jackson, and William Nelson, be at once cancelled, and all Licenses be issued — this month. — Then all this fuss, and threat

with he ended. — "Go for Mr Wallis last evening?" —
Mr Nelmes says: "When she lives more
"home, it takes four men, one large engine
"keel, and one boat house, and a portion
"of a plum keel to tilt this opening, when four
"keys knocks." —

In reply. I must entirely contradict this
statement, nothing has been taken from him. —
Besides, if you will observe in the book
statement, he has not got within £10. pounds
book pouting, of what he paid Redway
plumbers for. — Nelmes will occupy this
under plum house, and it is book, op-
posed to be satisfied. —

Mr Nelmes, and Mr B. L. Ruiglass, writes.
"Besides the plum lines are substantial, it will
"cost me, two hundred dollars, to remove the
"stones, besides the costs of tearing down book
"keeping, books &c, and [illegible] many thousands." —

In reply to this, I have to assure you,
that he has no such stones; nor the stones,
are not in the way, and if so can be re-
moved at a trifling cost. —

In conclusion. This letter of the ex-Judiary
officer, is a [illegible] thing: "It is evident
"that you will not allow any officer, unless
"you, to act impartially towards me, and I have
"every right to request your [illegible]".

In reply to this. I consider [illegible] pounds just.
as you, with the same [illegible] pounds [illegible]
pounds, is [illegible] pounds. — And
as you as I was disposed in this matter [illegible]
Mr Ruiglass, has written this letter [illegible]
Nelmes, he has unhesitatingly [illegible]

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but I will say no more about him. —

And in conclusion, I will quote a part of Pltf Wallace letter to you; — "I do not wish Deeds to be entered with, if it can be avoided, —

And to me Pltf Wallace said, "I want you to protect Pltf Deeds fishing rights". —

all of which is respectfully submitted, and recommended for your consideration and approval. — and with my profound respect.

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir
Your Obedient Servt
John Wilson,
Fishery Overseer.

Ob. Nelson, and Pltf Davis, are seeking of an injury before it happens, and which may never occur. — —

The Grounds, Nos 1, 2, 3, and 4, were duly measured off by Pltf Walsh, so as to be the same length out in the Lake, as staked off on the land; viz 550 yards each. —

John Wilson —
Do. —

Copy.

To

The Honble The Commissioner of Lands.

Sir,

Under the directions and supervision of the Surveyor of Lands, I have made a sub division of the Tidal Lots at Tuckyputch, from Lot No. 2, to Lot No. 8, as by the enclosed sketch. The parties interested, (except the Widow) appeared before the Surveyor and myself and from the concurrent statements made, it appeared that previous to the Survey made under the direction of the late Lieutenant Governor the Surveyor of Lands, the range of the stone fence leading from the foot of the hill to the Lake formed the limit between Tidal and Crown land and was recognized by owners of the parties and adjoining; That the Lots had been occupied many years before this Survey upon which, without having in contemplation a sale of lands, were to be sold upon the Quarterly Sale of 1st July 1874.

I enquired the Town Boundary and represented that whether the Queen or the Crown Tidal Lots, in dealing with the quarterly Sale of such Lots we have not to consider or not the same under the circumstances, I would not be disposed to sell the Tidal Lots, without having in contemplation with the Surveyor of Lands the Town Boundary, and the Crown Tidal Lots, and the Crown Tidal Lots, and the Crown Tidal Lots

Line made this day growing line for the last division, now made, which line is upright to a right angle, with the top of the Lake Lebanon Wh: 1.- for 70.00 to Roads as granted, which line bears N. 66°30' E. 1.00 Ch. thence N. 23° 30' E. 1.00 Ch. according to the courses of the original survey of Charlestown. - Then it was ordered that a Warrant issue, one as long as most convenient for the Inhabitants of Lebanon: Wh: is, being dissatisfied with the Lines as run.

Test. Jno. Stanton Clerk
Recorded

Att. W. Stanton Clerk.

Sept. 1761. -

Received from the Proprietors Clerk a writing for a confirmation of Lebanon Petition. -

According to the Survey of Wh: 1. Lebanon granted Dec. 1. 1761 Capt. Thomas Stanton surveyor as the same on the Records. - The Lines Circle was not Recorded with by the Charlestown Surveyor.

Test. Thomas Stanton
Clk.

Sept. 1761. -

"Private and Confidential"

Fishery Overseer's Office,
Hamilton 5. August 1881.

Sir,

I have the Honor to report, that some time ago, I learn from the Fishery Guardians of Lake Erie, in Norfolk district, that a sum of $16. dollars, had been paid into D. A. McCall & Co's. Store Keepers, at St. Williams, as spearing licenses, Fees. for the Fisheries department, Ottawa, and that this amount, was never sent to the department. —

It appears this amount, $16. was paid in to D. A. McCall & Co. for the privilege of spearing fish, in the Inner Bay, of Lake Erie, situated in front of the township of Walsingham, and Charlottenville, who under authority issued permits to each of the Sixteen persons, who availed themselves of this spearing privilege through the Ice, during the winter of 1879. and 1880, — and with the D. A. McCall & Co's. Store.

It being also represented to me, that when D. A. McCall & Co, informed the C. A. Cunningham, that he had this money, and asked him what he was to do with it; C. A. Cunningham replied, Send me a Check for the amount in my favour and I will [illegible]

I have [illegible] D. A. McCall & Co, [illegible] to me on the subject, which I duly [illegible]

Charges with C. A. Cunningham may have [illegible] I have [illegible] I am duly [illegible]

I have the Honor &c &c.

C. P. Chamberlain Esq.

[illegible]

Capt J. W. Kerr Capt. St Williams July 22. 1864.-

Dear Sir.-

The amount paid to us for
presents for Spearing, and Credit to C. L. Bingham, is
$16.00 Sixteen dollars. it was in 1879. Since Bennett
was here, and said you wanted to know what
the amount was, I've handed this to D. McCall. Sup-
posing he had charge of this locality as Guardian.
Hoping the above will be satisfactory I remain,
Yours truly,
D. A. McCall Esq.-

Fishery Commissioners Office.
Toronto, 4 August 1864.

Sir,

I have the honor to issue you these permits (four) by Messrs E.L. Bingham & the following persons, granting them permission for a fish during this season, in Big Creek and Lake Erie;

1. H. Hales, of Walsingham: for to fish Gill Nets in Old spring Creek, and in the Inner Bay of Long point Lake Erie, township of Walsingham, amounts £ 6.00.

2. Thomas Detrick of Walsingham. He to fish a dip Net for the Spring of 1864. "In Big Creek" township of Walsingham, amount. £ 1.00

3 Albert Tuttle for the Members of Walsingham. He to fish a dip Net during present year. in township of Walsingham, amount (Big Creek.) £ 1.00.

4. Albert Tuttle of Walsingham He to fish a dip Net, during present year in Big Creek, amount. £ 1.00.

I have received these documents from the Commissioner Fishery Inspection, at Port Royal, township of Walsingham, County Kent, who informed me these people had desired him to send them to me, as they might get a license.

I don't suppose the E.L. Bingham has sent these Fishy matters to the Department, Ottawa, and it is questionable if he ever intended to do so.

I took it my duty however to issue the permits to you, and you can charge your fees. - Sent with perfect respect.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
J.W. Stewart
Dy Commr.

J.W. Stewart Esq
Commissioner of Fisheries
Ottawa.

Fishery Commissioners Office.
Sir. Toronto 6 August 1864.

I have the honor to apply to you for a Patent License for the Harbour of Port Dover, for a fish [illegible] Years of Salmon Trout White fish and Herring Gill Nets, Pots &c in Lake Ontario, in front of the Township of Woolwich, South Riding of Wellington: with permission to go into the Lake from the Land for a distance of six chains.

The License fee is to be Five dollars. And this amount I will send you when I next transmit you some more money.

Awaiting your reply.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
[illegible]
Fishery Overseer

To [illegible] Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries
Ottawa.

P.S. I forgot to state that you will be pleased to grant this License at once.

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Hamilton Castle.

My dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 3rd instant, I forward you a letter of the 29th ultimo, which you will return to me.

The second I received in the following August, Ottawa was recommended a license to C. Jones to open a Store at Hamilton, but I refused to grant it, as I was of opinion that the Public interest required only two Licensed Houses in the Township of Barton, and County of Wentworth.

Wishing you much success, I remain Yours truly,

Sir William Colebrooke Bart.
Marlock
Devon.

Allister
Deputy Assessor.
Hamilton Castle
2 August 1824.

Hamilton Castle.

My dear Sir,

In answering your letter of the 2nd inst. I am directed by Lord Dalhousie to inform you that he has no objection to grant a License to Mr. Jones for the Tavern at Hamilton, provided the Magistrates of the District of Gore, do not object to it.

Mr. Jones has also applied to His Lordship for a Grant of Land, which he has been informed he is entitled to, as a Settler, but His Lordship has directed me to inform you, that he will not recommend any Grant to Mr. Jones, unless you are satisfied that he has complied with the Regulations of the Settlement.

I am, Dear Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
Allister
Deputy Assessor.

Hamilton Castle.
2 August 1824.

Mr. Clench,
Barrister,
Hamilton.

Alexander Jun.-

I send you Mr. Morris's Power paper Hamilton, in which you will give Rudolph's Name at full length.

I send many of Rudolph's papers for a single Week; and I send Mr. Morris's Check, to be presented. Instead of my Daily. I hope I will do this more quickly and regularly. I have put more in this Package, than my Daily thought of, by the worthy Member of Parliament, for that Day!!!

Mr. as regards your own Condition and Conduct, and the instructions I enjoined upon you, I am glad to find, that you [illegible] all my Injunctions, you will [illegible] your Conduct with [illegible] your Character, and [illegible] I have given [illegible] Letter, [illegible] the words,

and you should have the justice.—

I [illegible] with safety, and no Danger; on Saturday next.—

You have 11 good Reasons of which one is Loads of Money in the Purse—

I believe a guinea, many White pieces, many Rupees, in Gold Coin, as Silver. Gold would be more easy, but then one has to give 2 or 3 Rupees Change by the common Country Officials. Silver is a very Coin. It is Loads weight, but a Gold Mohur, is a Gold Mohur, and you should have Gold Coin, with you, especially in your Travels on Journeys.—

Give my Love & regards to your Lady Grandmother, my Godmother & Uncle Lushington & Family

Yours

Affectionately

Alexander Hamilton

5. August 1824.

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Private!

Dear Sir Enock.

I made out a copy of your statement, as I said it with my own pen, just as fast, as I could prepare it to send it out. As she was moving after you saw me with Thomas, at your place, I made up my mind to leave, and I saw your friend William Watson Esqr. Jr. of Dr. and he wished to see me at your house: the Enock & his fishing rights &c. His language was as one gentleman would address to me. I shall leave a letter for him, at Mr. Wilson's, giving me his address, should it be ever required: & my reply. That refused to come; for I have remonstrated the general tenor of the meeting, and that I was to be at your house, to see the gentry with the objections against you....

What manner in which many have Mr. Enock, infringed on my Private

rights, at Normandale, in connection with Davis fishing there:- please let me know at once...

As soon as I hear from Ottawa, I will come up. I will bring my little lad with me, and read report for you next time I come up. You have a good many friends in the Village, and in Station to you, I must stand by you...

I may tell you, that I have attended 4 or 5 times for Lines for the sale in the Simcoe District. & I have had the same. & the Fishing department at Ottawa, are receiving Licences, and observance shall for that matter.

With kind regards...

Yours Sincerely
Jas. Wilson P.O.
Hamilton C.W.
3. August 1856.

Wm. Enock.
Dickson
Turkey Point

Fishery Overseers Office.
Hamilton 5. August 1841.

Sir

I Have the honor to receive a copy of a letter, not signed, but supposed to be from Mr. William Nelson, of Turkey point, a fisherman there, and to report, that Mr. William Nelson, has no just cause of complaint against me.—

This letter, (copy) sent to me by you, for report; states; - "This spring, for some reason Mr. Singleton, was "suspended, and Mr. J. W. Hess, Overseer, at Hamilton, "was sent here temporarily, and since he has taken "charge, he has had the lines of Nos: 1. 2. 3. and 4, "changed; moving them East about 4 Rods on the "shore, changing my haul so that there are now "a large pile of stones near the centre of my fish- "ing, which will if I attempt to fish here my net."—

In reply to this grievance or supposed grievance, I have to report, that the stones referred to, are on the line between stations No: 2. fishing ground, we were placed there several years ago, by James Crooks Esq. a fisherman, who then owned, and occupied the fishing station No: 2. now occupied by Nelson, at Turkey point, in the Outer Bay, of Lake Erie. —

To

W. F. McMichael Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa.

James Brackett, was fined, on complaint of Jackson, for placing the stones on the line between Jackson and Brackets, filling grounds at the time.- And when Nelson bought out Brackets rights he was aware these stones were there, and Nelson did not express any objection to these stones at the time, nor never since until now.-

It is not true, that the line of Nos 1.2.3. and 4. is changed; moving them East, about 37. Rods.-- Nos. 1. and 2, are just the same on the beach; as they have always been; and No: 3. according to Mr. William Brooks statement, is on the Old East range, placing the stones there also;- and they are not in the Centre of Mr. Nelsons ground, nor where his Lessie, Net, in hauling can ever come in Contact with those stones.--

Mr. Nelson, says; - "The present ranges will also des- "troy No: 1 filling ground, throwing a large portion of it, "upon a point of rocks".-

In reply to this supposed grievance of Mr. Nelsons, I have again to refer you to Mr. Brooks statement, and Mr. Thomas Welsh's report and Survey which completely settles a supposed grievance.--

And this report, and statement are fully borne out by Jas Brothers, and a sister of Mrs Ralph Jones, and a Mrs Scrimshaw Richard Clarke, who was in possession of the lands, for many years, before Nelson moved on to the Barkley point beach, for to occupy Brackets ground.-

Mr. Nelson, says: - "I have my license for this year "and have paid for it and in doing so, as Mr. Nelson "does, he does grievance two of his friends, and destroys "two grounds, and perpetrates a great injustice".-

In reply to all this I repudiate the assertion, that two grounds or any filling ground will be injured by the change of ranges, ordered by you, back to about the old established ranges.- at the solicitation of injured persons, who sought nothing, but British fair play.

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and a fair portion, as between each other, and our
workers. -- And from the statement of Messrs Lord,
dated 6. August, herewith; and from former applications,
that you thought Messrs Hollins Lyon & Co. by Lords,
and Mess's resident at Tuking point, you thought no
doubt, as I do; that those little mercantile changes which
for, should be granted by you. -- The last portion
of No: 1. fishing station has not been changed. -- But the
Seine hauling in future must be done in front of No. 1.
fishing station, which comprises 550 yards, instead of
hauling in front of Jackson's No: 2. Station, please
refer to plan. Which I send. -- Which Nelson's fishing
ground No: 3. is much larger now than it was when
he bought out James Crockett's rights thereon. --

So far, as I am personally concerned, my great
desire has always been, as well I am for the welfare and
prosperity of the fishery with which I have been so long
connected. -- But as you may wish in discharging my
duty, since my return to the Neigel division, I have
been opposed by you. 538 50
I have been also
to collect expenses of your various Seine Nets, up to
date, and which I have forwarded to you. -- I am
glad to know I have given; but no favourites. --

Mr. Nelson, and I suppose I am included" Mr.
S. Kinglake, the clerk wrote of Nelson's letter; says;
"I have been given up; Mr. Nelson was however kept
"back by the crews not similarly taking my station,
"from me, and giving it to another man, and I was
"dissatisfied by the Justice, and for arbitrary and un-
"gentlemanly conduct, he Mr. was removed from this division"

Now I in reply to this, the superintendent clearly knows
as well the office; refer to my letter of 17. January 1872 and 17
March 1872. Now it is a great satisfaction to me to know
as well as the records say, that my whole Seine right &
No: 1. fishing station was only here in imagination, and

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it was only given to her by the late J. a. Parkhouse.-
Just as Mr: S. fishing station, was also given by him to Mr
William Helmer, -.-.-

I am perfectly satisfied to leave myself in your
hands, as regards my duty, and honour, as fishery Overseer,
at Turkey point, and if sooner than in 1874. you
bring arbitrary, and ungenerous, it is more than I know.-

I may here report for your information, that on Saturday
I saw Mr: A. Hall, was at Turkey point,
and he writes me thus: "Mr as regards the fisher-
"man at Turkey point, I went down as you instructed
"to place each one in possession of his ground: Mr
"Helmer, says! he will hold the ground under the Mr
"Lewis, and if they are moved, he will enter an action at
"once". - He also says he has a letter from Mr Whitaker,
"stating that if he was not properly notified of the
"change, that you could not make him move". -
I asked him to show me the letter, but he did
not? - I saw him last saturday again, and I told
"him, I was going to write you again, and whatever
"you instructed me to do, I should at once do". -
Mr Harris refuses to comply with the orders, as
"he says, he has only 17 shares in place of 25.
"Shares". - "I want to know what is to be done in
this case". - "Let me know at once, and I will
do as you instruct". -

I now see, that Mr Harris is to pay for, or lose
another, that he had given me many from those
before, and he would do so again. -

I would recommend charges, pursuant your
appointment, that the present licenses, for this season,
issued by the department, to Mr Angus Harris 1.
Henry Sutton. 2. William Helmer. 3. and William
Parrott 4. be all cancelled, and that New

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[illegible] the [illegible] to explain them, for the [illegible] of this [illegible]. Then on this [illegible] I [illegible] to [illegible]. The [illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible] as per [illegible] [illegible].

My Father, says! Tell me the [illegible], it "tells you me, the [illegible] signifies, and we have "learnt, and a [illegible] of a [illegible] this [illegible]. "who [illegible]?

He reply, I must [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]. must, nothing [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]. If you will observe in [illegible] [illegible], he has got [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible], he [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]; Father, [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]; [illegible] this [illegible], appears to be [illegible].

My Father, [illegible] My [illegible], [illegible]. "the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], it will [illegible], [illegible] "[illegible], to [illegible] the [illegible], [illegible] the [illegible] of "[illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]. It [illegible] [illegible] "[illegible]?

He reply to [illegible], I [illegible] to [illegible], he has [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] the [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible]: [illegible] if he [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

He [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] is a [illegible] in [illegible]: "[illegible] I [illegible], it [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] "[illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] "[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

He reply to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Smith however say no more about him. --

Due in conclusion, I will quote a part of Mr. Wilcox letter to you: - "I do not wish Smith to be interfered with, if it can be avoided". -

Just to me, Mr. Wilcox said, "I want you to protect the Smith fishing rights". --

All of which is respectfully submitted, and I recommend the same for your immediate consideration and approval. - And with profound respect,

I have the honor to be,

Sir.

Your Obedient Servant

H. W. Keen.

Riley County.

N.B. The Grounds No: 2. 3. and 4, were finally measured off by Mr. Hon: Wash. D.C. Lungren, and staked off, so as to be the same length, out in the Lake as it was on the bank; viz. 660 yards. - But No: 1. was allowed to remain as it always was, and has been heretofore. - But no fishing will be permitted any more to him on his Neighbours ground, with his seine, as 660 yards is all sufficient; for to haul the seine in front of it. -

Nelson has two other living grounds, besides the one referred to in this report. -

Yours Wilcox Jr.

Fishery Overseer's Office.-
Hamilton, 6. August 1884.-

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for you a copy of letter, appears to be from Wm. Argles Hunt, licensee to fish in Lake Erie, on No: 1. fishing station at Turkey point.--

The late survey made by Mr. Thomas Wheat, D.L. Surveyor, under your orders given to me, on the 21st of May last, is on the old established ranges, and Wm. Argles Hunt, is guilty of a glaring falsehood, in endeavouring to show you the line only 17. chain frontage, instead of 20 chain frontage.-

When Mr. Wheat, commenced to make the survey having first established himself by sextant, where the old line about between fishing stations No. 1. & 2. he measured chain on that for a distance of 17. chains, and he there planted a picket.- Then Mr. Wheat, came, for the purpose of having a right angle, at the old given ranges, between No: 1. & 2. fishing stations, he on the shore, a picket to start the survey from.- please refer to Mr. Wheat's report, and plan of survey.-

Mr. Wheat, and myself found the old standing pickets, then ran back on the old fishing ground, and came back on Jas. M. Smith point, the original boundary end, of station No: 1.- and fishing station No: 1. the same Lake frontage, as the charge line.- So you will please observe that No: 1. fishing station, is not changed, except that on you, as that Wm. Argles Hunt, M. P. Wheeler Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa.-

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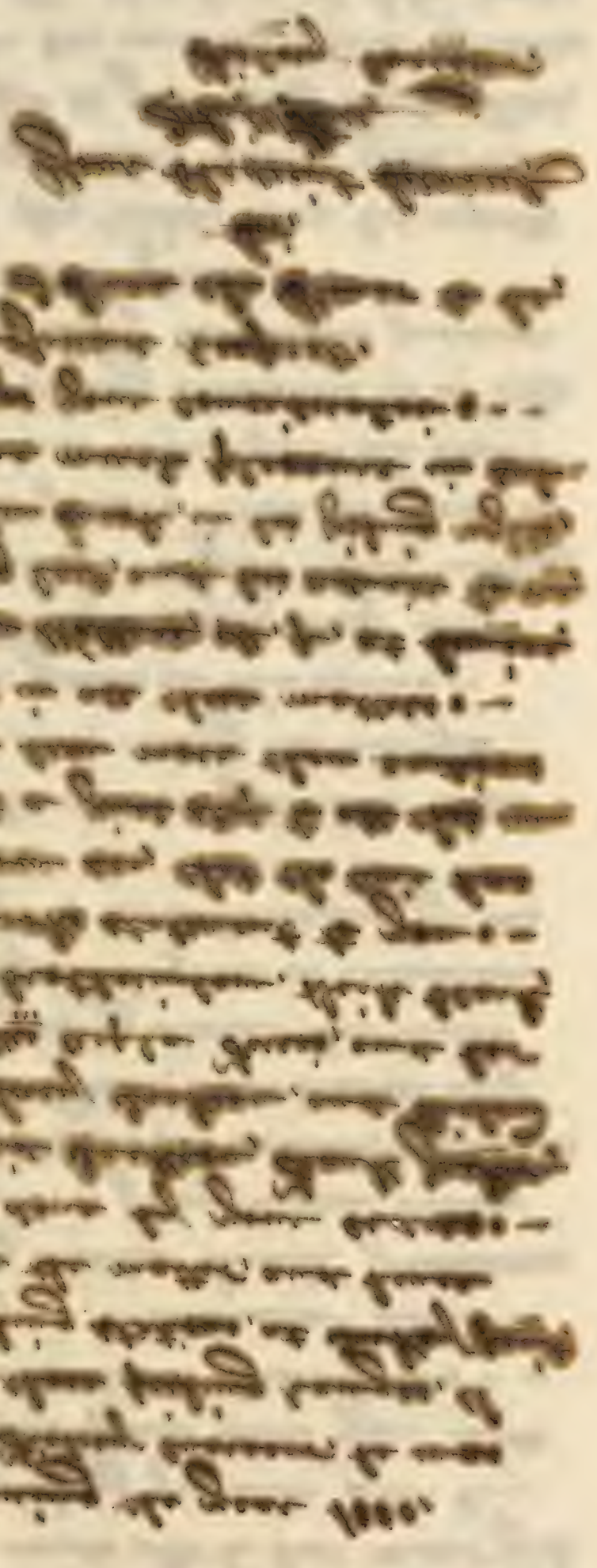
will not be possible to fish any more in front of her entire fishing ground No: 1. but must fish in front of her own fishing ground No: 1. — please refer to the sketch plan and you will see how the fishing was done heretofore. — —

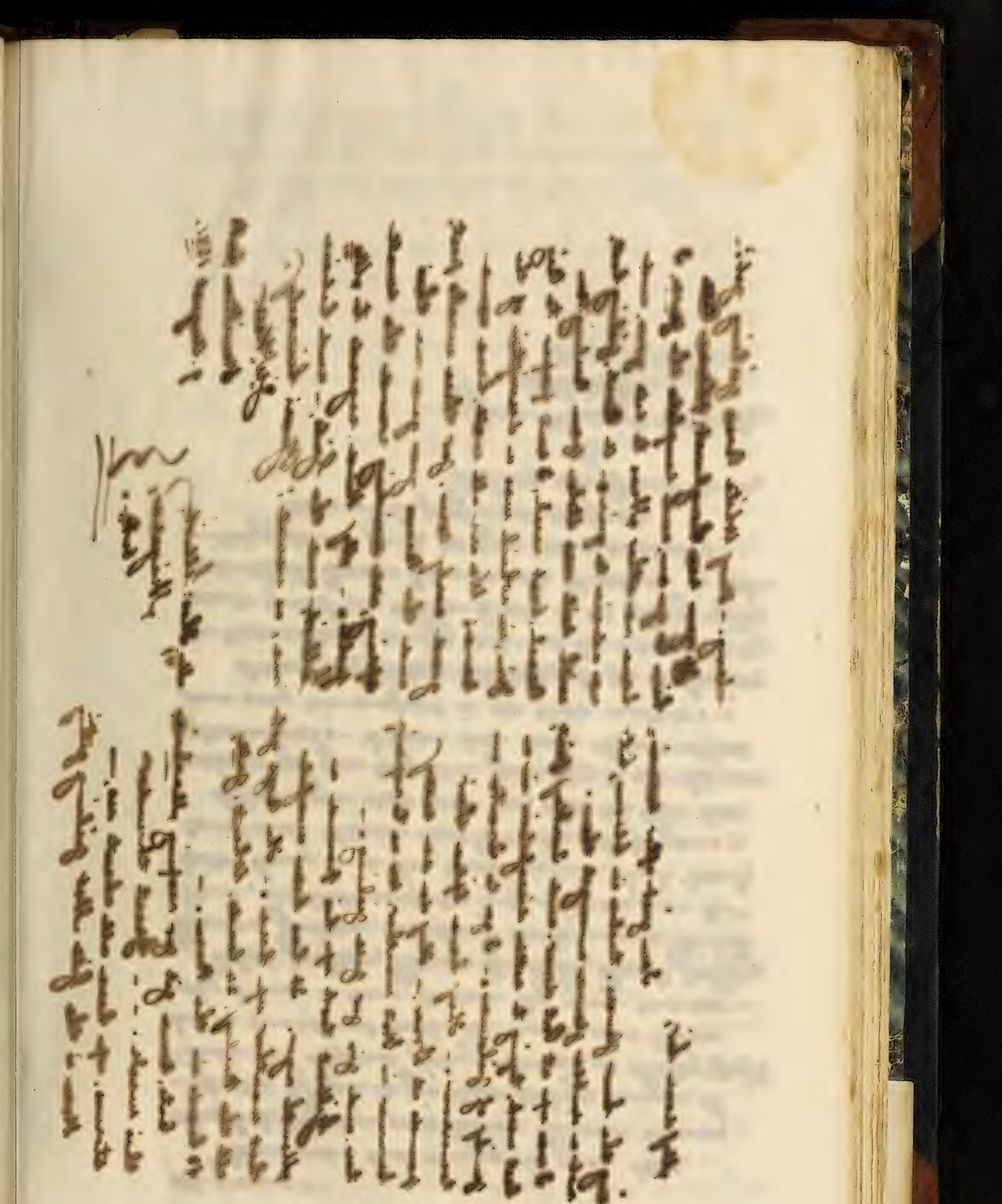
I now also send you a statement given to me, and signed by the within Louis Gilchrist giving a true history of his No: 1. fishing station, Shelter point; and from this statement it would appear that Mrs Angèle Tessier, has never any right whatever to No: 1. fishing station she, with Moses in possession of it in 1878. as a renewed lease of 5 yrs, as given by the late Honorable J. A. Mackenzie. — —

Mrs Tessier, says she cannot fish more than between 200. and 300 yards, owing the hooks having taken away 200. yards in the lake. —

In reply to this I may simply say she should not be allowed for to fish more, than she could before she lost gear. — The 200. yards in the lake, she complains was taken from her never has any legal right to fishing situated as it was in front of her entire fishing ground No: 1. please refer to the plan. —

Now the plan of Mrs Gilchrist, and his report and the Louis statement, which above you. I am with reference to the Mrs Angèle Tessier, and my William Gilchrist, and the 200 yards of water now in the lake, the fact of his not having fished





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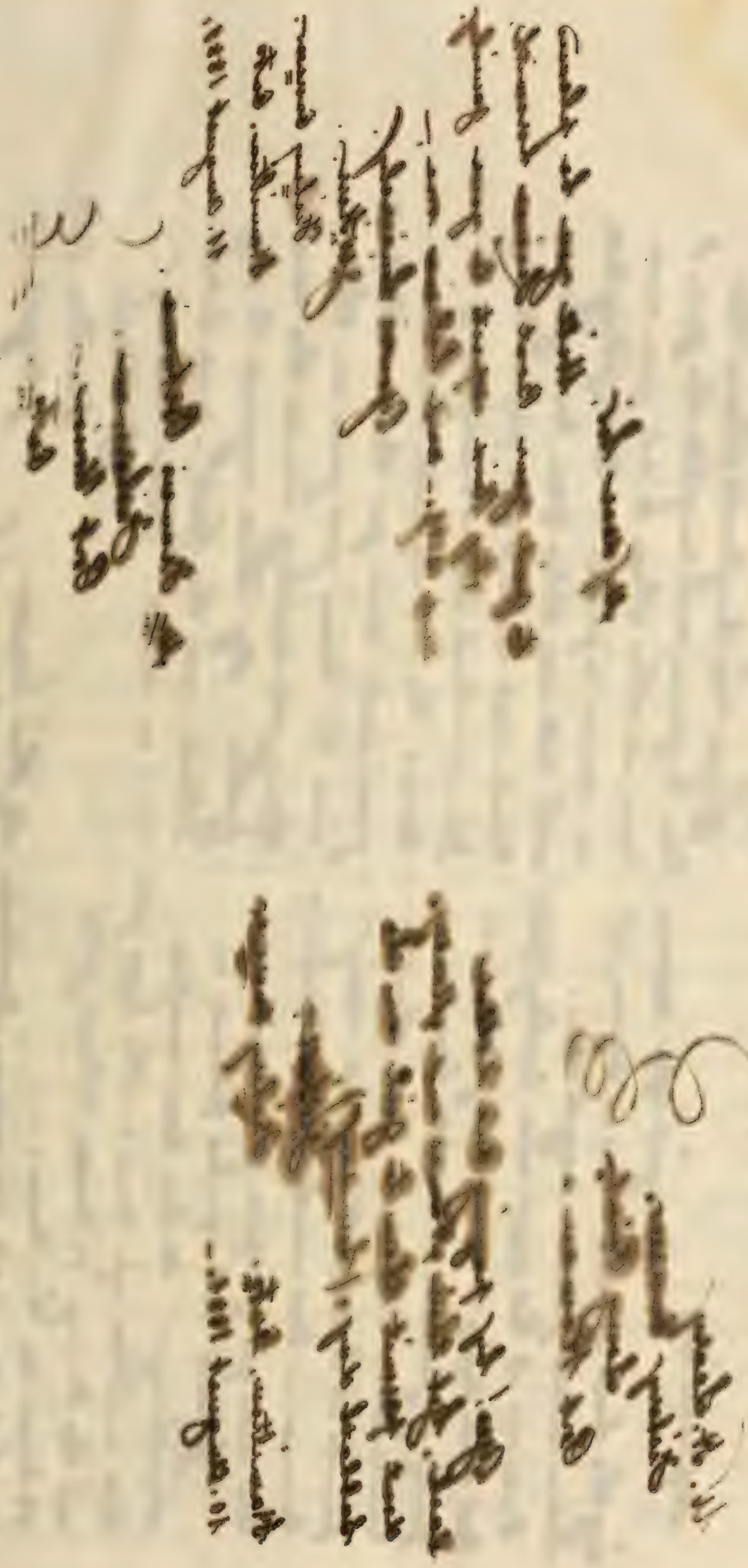
W. St. Leger
Sidney Bowman.
Lewis Wirt
Col Thomas.

Hamilton, Ohio
10. August 1861.

My dear Sir

Write you to please
to give your Good Union Lincoln
the News report to your family.
Lewis Wirt
Sidney Bowman.
Hamilton, Ohio
11. August 1861.

Mr Thomas Robertson
Indiana
Col Union
Ohio



"Fishery Overseer's Office.
Hamilton. 10. August 1881.

Sir,

I Have the honor to submit for your information, a telegraph dated Port Rowan 10th of August instant, thus:

Dr. J. W. Kerr
Fishery Overseer -
Hamilton,

Party of Americans at mouth of Long point, Lake Erie, on our waters with Trout. - -

W. H. Leary
Fishery Overseer,
Long Point.

Answer:-

W. H. Leary
Fishery Overseer,
Long Point
Port Rowan.

Yes! by paying one dollar each, get their names and money but permit them to fish on the Sabbath day;

Hamilton, Ont. 10. August 1881.

John W. Kerr,
Fishery Overseer.

Sir, as I am informed of this case. - - Will you be pleased to send me some of those printed permits used by Mr. Charles Gilchrist Fishery Overseer, in Rice Lake, under similar circumstances. - -

And with due respect.

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
John W. Kerr.
Fishery Overseer,

W. F. Whitcher Esqr.
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa. -

Fishery Overseer's office.
Hamilton, 12. August 1881.

Sir

With reference to your letter of 2nd instant, granting the application of Mr. W. H. Woolland of Toronto, for the Rondeau District fishing station, Lake Superior, payment of the sum of $5 dollars license fee.

I have pleasure to report, that Mr. Woolland, left for Lake Superior about four weeks ago. But the steamer that took him up there, would not land him on the Rondeau District fishing, but landed him near Nipigon, Nanaimo, Salt, Pa, Pa, at St. Ignace, Lake Superior, where he is now fishing.

Will you be pleased to make out the license for this latter place, at $5 dollars, and to oblige Mr. J. Lockie, and W. H. Woolland of Toronto quickly.

I have Mr. J. Lockie on yesterday in Toronto, and he will pay for the license, as Woolland has gone up there, for the fish, which made over the fish for him.

Woolland has St. Ignace instead from you, and no license before. Made with due respect.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant
Fishery Overseer

W. F. Whitcher Esq.
Inspector of Fisheries,
Ottawa.

Mem Basement Office
D. Guardian, Pt Regt
C.T.

Sir,

In the 4th inst. I wrote
you: of which of the letters, a fair letter
marked B appeared... and as
I have not since heard from you I
will thank you to go to the Office, and
ascertain from him if he has received
my letter and charges, and obtain for me
the receipt signed by him or duplicate
for the same as that I may send them
back to the Finance department Ottawa..

I enclose and authorize you to receive
from the J. of Police any Moneys. he may
have collected on Rent and his Licenses
or on opening houses please he may have
collected and send the same to me.—

In the event this not meeting further,
this you will take charge of the Jail of
Police the division comprising the lower
Town and the Outer Town, office as Bailiff,
duties, and act for me, and for the
Finance department, and conduct my actions

and direction, just as I have done during
during at Red Rapids, I will see and keep
the Bailiff Guard and My Salaries and
as you as Remunerate...

I made my J. of Police on the 4th May last
and I not the Office up opening Houses,
the Police have previously guarded and
the Office — the will the House in his pos-
session. (I enclose it now) which I
and please receive — the Keys...

And from this date & this I have never
heard a word from you the J. of Police,
I will then Licenses and the Money.—

Yet on the Licenses from my office or
a letter for such from J. he has col-
lected the Money and send same to
me.— However! after I have given
him the notice, the Finance Department
please report to me the result.

Hamilton, Ont
12. August 1881.

I have &c.
Chief Constable.
Police Magistrate

Copy — Hamilton, Ont.
4 August 1881.

My dear Li —

When you please give
Donald a cheque in favour for Sixty
five dollars. Also 12) Pounds of sugar,
which you will please send after
to me. Also please let me know at the
same time any thing you may have rela-
tive for opening Lines yours — As for Bob
and his going with the Team and Lin-
coln of the former, who have gone to you
the same. —

I have also been instructed by the
Commissioner of Dakota, Allegan & me.
by you that owing to the appointment of
Mr Allen A. Kenny as resident Railway
Engineer — they prefer that his your
services will be no longer required.

I — Yours Truly
Chief Engineer

List of persons for whom I have to pay
up Opening Lines for year 1881 —

1. W. A. Allen —
2. W. Shaw —
3. William Shorten —
4. William Thompson
5. J. Campbell —
6. J. Bruce —
7. William Thomas —
8. William Simmons —
9. J. of Clarke —
10. A. Price —
11. Wm. Douglas —
12. John Wells —
13. J. Brown —
14. G. Price —
15. William Wells
16. J. Price —

Also — the City of London for Opening Lines for year 1881 —
Also — the Township of London for Opening Lines for year 1881 —
Also — the Township of London for Opening Lines for year 1881 —

Fishery Commrs' Office ..
Hamilton 11. August 1880...

Sir,

I have the honor to send you herewith, Bank draft No: 400. for the sum of Forty dollars... this you to please to apply this amount as a L: ence for giving the general Net, only; until a "single Lence or post in Lake Sic, in front of Lots "Nos: 5.6.7.8.9 10.11.12. and 13. North Front, Concession, "South of Sheppards, County of Welcome".

This Lence to extend into Lake Sic, one hundred and eighty rods.- One is to be issued to Messrs H. W. Smiley, and John S. Allen, of Port Dover, for this current season....

I may here report for your information that this is one of the Lences; the Lessees! ex- pected to get for $20. dollars...

Having issued this draft to H. W. Smiley, and Allen, last summer to fish, this Season, as got. I wrote them on the 1st instant, see copy attached, Lence this $40. dollars.-

I recommend this Lence to be issued to Messrs the Messrs H. W. Smiley, and John S. Allen, of Port Dover, and with due respect.-

I Have the Honor to be,

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

Thos Wilkinson

Fishery Overseer.

L. P. Bernier Esqre
Dr Commissioner of
Fisheries.-
Ottawa.-

Copy.

James Cruikshank. } Telegraph to
Dickerman. } me. result of
Niagara. } Riot — and
——— with prisoners. —
Hamilton. } Justices.
18. August 1864. }

Fishery Overseers Office.
Hamilton, 18. August 1881.—

Sir

I have the Honor to submit for your information letters which I have received from the writers, Mr. John Glass of Cut Rocks, Glass Mike Comer, at Normandale, and Cut Rocks; and Mr. William Smoke, fisherman at Turkey point.— These letters give all the facts of the case, so you will understand the case thoroughly by referring to the license issued by you to Daniel Jackson for to have fish in Lake Erie, at Normandale this year.—

Daniel Jackson, the license fisherman, refused to, fishing in Lake Erie, at the place referred to, under his license, has no right whatever to private property.—

please refer to my application for license, under 4th of April last.— I have not yet spoken to Daniel Jackson on the subject, when I do and explain matters, there may be no further trouble.—

On the 3rd instant, when I was in Simcoe, meeting with Mr. William Watson, M.P. he drew my attention to this case, of which I knew nothing previously.—

Mr. Watson the expresses his wish, that I should protect Mr. Glass in his rights.— This I promised him I would do, and on my enquiring, I have close communications of the facts as they are:—

But while I now attend to this report for your information and consideration.—

Should you after reading over the letters have instructions or advice to offer, I will feel greatly obliged to you, by receiving the same.—

And with due respect.

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your obedient Servant

W. J. Watson

Fishery Overseer

D. O. Smeaton Esq.
Inspector
Dominion of Fisheries.—
Ottawa.—

Copy.

Mr John W Shaw,
Hamilton, Ont.

Turkey Point,
August 16. 1881.—

Dear Sir.— Re to Mr Shaw's rights to the ground at Normandale. I got permission of him to have my Bee house there, by paying him one dollar per month rent; until this Year.— And then I sold the Bee houses to him, and as far as I Know, he has a right to the ground, that is, as far as the waters edge.— And David Jackson, has this year planted out some trees, and has fenced a portion of the land, which as near as I can understand, has caused trouble, and he has refused to pay rent to Mr Shaw.—

And all parties who have ever fished there, have had to get permission of Mr Shaw.— When your letter came I went down to see Mr Shaw, but he was not at home, and that is the reason I did not write before.— Owing to your last visit here, there has been great excitement and great threats made.— They insulted me, and were going to give me a thrashing.— I want you to come up as soon as you can, and I will tell you more, than you can Know about these parties.—

We are all well, and remain,

Yours truly
William Lovell.

P.S. I am glad that we have got Mr Shaw on our side.— W.L.

Copy.

Port Ryerse, August 10. 1881.

John W. Horn Esq.

Dear Sir,-

I am in receipt of your favour of the 6th instant, and in reply, would say, that about six years ago, I rented William Smoke, the privilege of putting up on the House on a piece of land, S. W.- corner of lot 17, broken front, Concession, Charlotteville, which land, I own according to my Deed, to the waters edge of Lake Erie .. the Smoke made the use out of said Sea House, the first season, and then allowed David Jackson to move in it, until he wanted to use it again, but when he wanted to use it, Jackson refused to go out of it, and began to lay claim to the land by fencing it in, and planting out trees, and bushes.- I tried to get a settlement between Smoke, and Jackson, so that I might get possession of the shanty, and land again, but Jackson would not come to any reasonable arrangement, consequently, I have had to buy Smoke out, at about twice the value of the Sea House, which Jackson now uses for a dwelling House.- Jackson still refuses to give up possession, and claims that his fencing leaves him four rodes of the land for the Lands back from the water edge of the Lake, and that there should be a road allowance, between Lots 16, and 17, and that the fencing he has in, is on the road allowance, and many other absurd arguments, he brings forward.

I offered to rent the shanty to him for one dollar per year, but wanted him to sign writings, which he refused to do.- I have since taken Friendly Living-ton, and his family, and given Jackson Notice to leave, but it will have no effect, and the consequence will be, that I shall have to have him evicted, which will cost me considerable; as I cannot collect any thing of him.- My Friends advised me to see

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you about it, & I got the Witness to write you, but it is likely, he was gone before writing. —

Now what I would wish you to do, if it does not interfere with your duty, is to not allow Daniel Sullivan, any fishing rights on the point of land I own, which is between N. Wilson's west line, west side of the pier, and Daniel Sullivan's East line, the distance is about 300. feet. to any one fishing rights on Lot 17. west side of the pier, if you could do it, you would confer a great favour on me. — Some Gentlemen & Ladies, was present the last time I was there got an arrangement between myself & Sullivan. — You perhaps can better see him, before you act in the matter. — —

I wonder how much that Sullivan is making up by some fishing, that we never thought appertained to our publicity. —

I must to see the land next winter

Dear.

Yours truly

John Shaw

Private.

My dear Mr. Webster,

I received the letter. Copy sent your? officially today. —

I don't know Mr. Charlton. as yet. Some days. if I met him, and I don't believe he knows me; and never saw me. — Doctor Lawrence, is an old enemy of mine, and I believe Dr. Stewart, is greatly put about by Jackson stealing to fill your promise. which he entrusted the Doctor in buying. the farm the Dr. bought from Mr. Innis. are all sworn out, and so that purchase is no bargain. — the Dr's broke faith, with Townsend, who conducts the Messenger last year; and so he has to leave and is now at work in the Railway yards, at Port Dover. — I have not done a single thing to disturb any man or woman's mind; since my return to Lake Erie, and I pull fair with Mr. Wallace

Hamilton. Ont.
20. August 1851.

Sir.

I have the honor to state for your satisfaction, that I duly received your Order on Mr. Robert Webster. Fruit dealer. Hamilton. for the sum of Forty dollars. —

In my presenting the same to him on Tuesday last, it was duly honored, I received the Money, deposited it on the same day, to the Provincial Government, Ottawa, applied for your License; which I received on last evening: and have now much pleasure in handing you the same by mail. this day. — With my best wishes for your prosperity and success. —

I remain Sir. Yours respectfully.
Thos. Wilson
Fishery Overseer.

Mess?s. H. W. Bisley. —
John T. Allen. —
Port Dover. —

Indian Bureau &c &c.-
Hamilton 20. August 1860. -

Sir

I have the honor to apply to you for three licenses, and I beg most respectfully to recommend that you make the grant of the same & the under mentioned persons for the current year. - -

1. Right of Trade with the Indians on the Hayashe of the Lighthouse Island. The 2 gill 2000 Yards of white gill gill Nets, and 2.000 Yards of twine gill Nets. in Lake Ontario in front of the township of Ashfield & so. to and in the Lake from the Island for a distance of five miles. - the amount to be £.10.
2. Right of trade Henry of do. - The 2 gill 1000 yards of white gill gill Net; and 100 yards of twine gill net, in the same place. H. H. Simon Jr. £.10.
3. Right of trade Henry of do. - do. The 2 gill 1000 yards of white gill gill Nets, and 100. yards of twine gill Nets. in the same place. - Simon Jr. £.5.

The white gill gill Nets, to be gin inch mesh extension measure. - one fathom into the perpendicular shores in each lines. - the twine will be all gill sewing after a line. -

I have still much respect. -

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
M. Wilson -
Indian Agent.

W. J. Whitcher Esq.
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.
Ottawa. -

Hamilton. Ont.
21. August 1891.

My dear Sir. -

I am in receipt of your two letters of 19th and one of the 20th instant, all received this morning. - -

Now as regards the application of Wilson Wells Esqre your letter is the first information I have had on the subject!

I may tell you confidentially that I have not yet got back from D. O. Mitchell, the accounts for the $ 25. dollars. I sent him by check, on the 4. of August instant, & marked Money, and registered. - - I told the Hamilton Post Master receipt for the letter.

I really never get along, nor do any business with my D. O. Mitchell. - -

A couple of days after I saw you at Turkey Point. I received a letter from him regarding Wilson, and the Chief, refusing to give up their grounds, according to Mr Mitchell's late survey, but as he was then left, and out of office, I have not yet received the reply. - He has never come near me, and I have not seen you nothing more about him. - - You got a list of Book and Bird Specimens, at Turkey point, and when done, and got their pleasure, was sent to the man, and I will apply and get up this business - - - If J. O. Mitchell, has not sent Money, and issued permits. I may say to you, get those permits and send them to me. - - I sent you to see Wilson, and — Crabbe, of Normandale, and ascertain from them, what amount of Money they paid C. L. D — — If they have receipts or permits for the same; get them and send them to me, for inspection of the department, Ottawa. -

Also! please see Hawks and Crabbe Mr: Kilmaster, again! and endeavour to get from him, that Lease! you have already so frequently attended to. -

Any other permits issued by C. L. D —

Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton, 22 August 1864.—

Sir,

I have the honor to send you, the copy of a letter, that I have received from Frank Jackson, formerly Fish Inspector Overseer Mouth for, I have not come in contact with Dr Stewart, the person alluded to, Salmon, has nothing to do with me and Mr Charlton jr, who two seven years ago to have me dismissed, lives and resides, and represents the North Riding of Norfolk, one part of which touches Lake Erie.—

Doctor Stewart, and his partner Mr David Moore, applied for licenses last spring, for to fish five pounds, during this season in Lake Erie.— They have been fishing only two pounds so far, and for which they pay 80. dollars, for this season.— And the Doctor told me, on the 25. of May last, when I personally delivered his license, that when he commenced to fish the other (3.) pounds, he would pay me for them.—

I have not had any dealings with any of the Fishermen at Port Dover, except on the four licenses for, I have on the additional pounds, that will be sent in, for your fishing.— The fishing is so much better during the fall, than in spring; I am prepared to meet the Dr. and many more also, on my monthly way.— The pounds are all out of the Lake at present, repairing being, and being made fit for the fishing.— Mr Jackson, mostly fishes on, he has done well for spring fishing; many of his customers Dr Stewart, and his partner, Mr David Moore, have not done so well, which I suppose was lost.—

I have collected and sent you, License fees for 11. pounds, of 440. dollars, and for other licenses of 112.50 making a total, thus far, of 552.50 for all license fees collected in the Norfolk district.— Will accompany, my collection list,

I have the Honor to be,
Your Obedient Servant,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
Fishery Overseer.

Copy.-

Dept. Mar. & Fish.
Fisheries Overseer.
Hamilton, Ont.

Port Dover, August 9/10.

Dear Sir,

I am reliably informed
this morning I find that Doctor Stewart, Dr.
Salmon, and Charter, M.P.- are determined to
have you removed from your Office of Over-
seer of Fisheries at, and near this port.--
They are about to -- have written very
strong letters to Ottawa against you.--
I think best me tonight, to write you, so
you could be on your guard.--
Stewart and Salmon, has been to
long point for a week shooting, and they had
a man, (Thos Brooker) with them to manage
the boat.-- They, Salmon and Stewart,
thought that Thos. Brooker was at with with
you, and so they discussed their plans for
your removal quite freely.- But a
man Salmon is fighting Thos & me Salmon
in their employ.-
Yours &c.

J. Gaskin.-

Hamilton, Ont
28. August 1891.—

My dear Sir,

Your letter of the 19th instant, was duly received by me, also a letter from Mr. William Hawke, to whom I had written on the subject.

I have written to Mr. Jackson telling him his fishing license gives him no authority whatever over the land, situated on Lake Erie, at Normandale.— I will protect your interests there for you, as I have promised Mr. Wallace, M. P., I would.

I have sent your letter and Hawke's letter, to the Fisheries department Ottawa, and I have reported to the Commissioner of Fisheries, also on the subject.— and beleive me,

Yours Sincerely
J. W. Kerr.
Fishery Overseer.

John Allen Esq.
Milton, Ont.
Port Dyeaa.

Mr. Wm. Hawke
Normandale

Mr. Jackson
Fisherman
Normandale

Mr. Medcalfe

My dear Sir,

Mr. John Allen, Milton, Ont. Port Dyeaa and Normandale, complains that you are trespassing on his private property on the Beach at Normandale.—

Now my friend David, you must not encroach Mr. Allen in any way whatever, as your fishing license gives you no power over the land whatever, except to land on it.— Your license is for only fishing in the waters of Lake Erie, within certain limits, and there your fishing privilege ends.— The complaint is now before the Fisheries department, Ottawa.

Beleive me, Yours, Yr. Yr.

J. W. Kerr
Fishery Overseer
Hamilton, Ont.
28. August 1891.

Mr. Wm. Jackson
Fisherman
Normandale

To Thomas Lawrey. Esqr. Reeve, and the Township Council of Barton.-

The petition of the Undersigned, Most Respectfully. Sheweth.-

That the Mayor and Corporation of the City of Hamilton agree with the Reeve and Members of the former Council of Barton, to construct a drain, and keep the same in good good Order, between the Hamilton, and Cut Down stone Road, situated in the fourth Concession; and the Hamilton and North West Railway, which is situated in the third Concession of Barton; so that the water drain, would run from the former to the latter place.- And whereas the Mayor and Corporation of the City of Hamilton, have actually failed to carry out on their part the agreement entered into.- Your petitioners pray for the Reeve and Township immediate action in the premises; and your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.-

Barton. 27. August 1860.-

Fishery Overseer's Office.
Hamilton. 29. August 1881.

Sir,

I have the Honor to send you, Bank draft No. 18[illegible]6. for the sum of Eighteen dollars. --

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows: -

1. William Bascraft.	Charlottenville,	For a License	$ 1.00.
2. C. Wells. -	do.	to operate in the Season	1.00.
3. James Stuyck. -	do.	Bay, Turkey Point.	1.00.
4. William Wolham.	do.	Lake Erie. from 1st [illegible]	1.00.
5. R. S. McCall. -	do.	of November 1880. -	1.00.
6. William Britt,	do.	up to the 15th of	1.00.
7. John Britt.	do.	April 1881 - Seine	1.00.
8. William Thorold. -	do.	" -	1.00.
9. Wilson Wells, of Charlottenville,		for license to	2.00.
10. William Snook,	do. -	200. feet in the S.	1.00.
11. John Holmes,	do. -	300. near and Outer	1.50.
12. Frank Culver,	do. -	100. Bay. Lake Erie.	50.
13. Charles Ferris.	do. -	100. Township Charlotte	50.
14. David Jackson	do. -	100. within but not	50.
15. James Cockolt,	do. -	100. within 2 Miles of	50,
16. William Cake. -	do.	100. a point East of	50.

Seine hauling ground. - fifteen seine nets Licenses for Nets, and Lines. - -

17. James Cockolt, Charlottenville. For a License for a Seine 250 yards long, in the Season of Lake Erie, at Turkey point, in front of Lot 20. D.F. Wainright. - - - - - Two Dollars 2.00.

Total. - $ 18.00

And with due respect.

I have the Honor to be,

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

D.F. Wainright Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa. - - -

David Ker
Fishery Overseer.

Fishery Overseer's Office.
Hamilton, 27. August 1880.-

Sir,

I have the honor to send you for the D.O. General, Two permits. No. Not Lines — one opening. One, from S. L. R.- for Christian Coleman, dated 6. April 1880.- to the James Cornhollin.-

Second,- from S. L. Ringham to E. S. Parker, of Normandale. for two dollars, dated 7th February 1880.- for opening through the Ice.-

Mr S. M. Barnett, has overseen and received the receipts this fourteen dollars. for one part of it.-

Have with due respect.-

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
J. W. Kerr -
Fishery Overseer

The Hon. the Minister
Marine & Fisheries
Ottawa. - - -

Fishery Overseer's Office.—
Hamilton, 29. August 1884.—

I have the honor to send you herewith, Receipts in duplicate, from Com. Rawnsley, Fishery Guardian, Port Rowan, for $ 35. dollars.—
Also from James McCabe, Fishery Guardian, St. Williams,— for $ 25. dollars.—

In obedience to your instructions, I notified Mr. James W. McCabe, Fishery Guardian, that his services were dispensed with.— Just recently, since I drew his, he has sent me Nine dollars to apply on Hooks and spearing licenses; which amount I shall now, with other Nine dollars, on Saturday last.—

I have also to report that I intended to have Rawnsley's division down as far as Normandale on Lake Erie.—

And I would respectfully recommend that his salary be increased to fifty dollars per year.— He is a very good and efficient officer.— And well deserves it.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant,
John Nelson—
Fishery Overseer

To,
W. F. Whitcher Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries,—
Ottawa.—

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Hamilton, Ont.
29. August 1891.

Private

My dear Mr. Whitaker,—

I am glad to hear from you, on your return from the Lower Provinces.—

I have expended in the purchase and for fencing $ 206, dollars, on that place of mine at Niagara.—

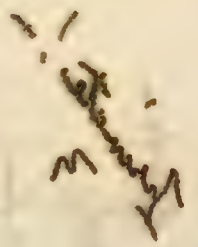
I saw Mr. J. B. Clench, jr., for Niagara, on last Wednesday, and he said he would write you, for Mowat, to get up the interior of the House, & Bar-rack! for a Hatchery.—

Mr. Wilmot, or Dennis of Sandwich might be sent to look at the place, so as to put it in a position, for to commence next fall.— There is two good springs of water in the lot, and White fish spawn can be procured free, gratis, from the Niagara Fish-ermen.— White fish are very plentiful this year again; between Niagara, and Wellington Square.— But are mistaken, between Niagara, and the Bathurst, because I presume they are down fish-ing for them.— One was caught one morning in April, quite of fifty lbs. weight, White fish;— two of 100. lbs. each, and 7 or 8, each; are only common every day takes.— A splendid Salmon, 18 pounds, was caught by the Shippards, down Nia-gara, in Niagara River at Queenston.— It was not discovered to be a Salmon, until next morning, being caught at night or it could have been liberated alive.—

Several Salmon were caught at Niaga-ra, this season, and liberated alive.

Lt. Gray, Grand Island, Fisheries was drowned, while you were away, this year, in not carrying on the fishing, he was like the person to whom she sells out her license from this year, I presume you will not fish-ing privilege, this year.

Yours truly,



Hamilton, Ont.
29. August 1921.

Mr. Peter Miller,
Hamilton.

Dear Sir,

I have your favour of the 26th. inst. and am pleased to note its contents.

I have also received from Mr. Gordon Wright, the Secretary of the Athletic Association, a cheque for $200.00 in payment for the Grounds.

I am also in receipt of a letter from Mr. Wright, in which he states that he has instructed the Secretary to forward to you the Deed of the property, as soon as it is executed by the Trustees.

Yours truly,

fishing to Lincoln. I have to see Lincoln
after my business, who is here to the ship
to fishing, who they will - him. they will
apply to him, that he has been appointed to
my place, more perhaps as I have not
been as yet. as to my said the appt.
he take of which fish has been made
skin at Toronto this year. see I wished
see this to Inquire on the part of the fish.
owners themselves, and to this being so
made off. —

The Charles Nunes, at the Humber has
applied to me for a license to fish a
pound net, in Humber Bay, which I
propose to recommend to you to grant -
He also no more fishing to be allowed
in Black Bluff or the Bend - Toronto
Bay, after this year's license ends then. —

And into license I am sure will
be applied for, at Humber. Toronto Id.
the Islands, and Frenchman's Bay, for
next year. — And in due time will be

last year, was recommended. — Geo
Gibson, Thomas Sharp, Hugh Grist &c.
signed. — I would like very much to
have a Glance, between you appointing it
& the ship left, I will keep with you
to long period, then I can report my
results since my return. — As to Lindsay
Lock, I have said you, Mr. Dan
Murfield, only was under the impression
with his part in regard to Lake Lou.

With your please have my Report
and me on receipt of this for my
Comments on after of this month. I
want it hastily. —

Hastily my office this Dec. 1st
for, see answer: was I have no Lease, —
and no Lay. — He other fish of Glasgow
on why of it, for the fish, — the reason
make as much of them, as the fishermen.

Dated 8th. Nov. Mr. Fish, Fisheries
at Ottawa, letter as to other fish
at Belleville, at 5. for pound. —

Memorandum, for Wm. H. Whitcher Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries. Ottawa.

Will you be pleased to report to me by return of post, on the 8th June 1881. an Indian half breed girl named Jackie, a fisherman at Musquash, to exchange grounds; he having a seine ground; and Allen getting the seining ground which is next to it.. I recommended the same, please sanction it; to take place on 1st of January 1882.

Now mind you, I wish it to be distinctly understood, that in getting up the fish breeding Establishment at Musquash.. I shall have no family interest in it.. the Members of my family will be connected with it.. in whatever case one of his own people shall be attached to the fish. the Crown and ground alone, shall be mine.. I shall need to keep my name.. I am thank for my regards my Enabled, Wife & Children.

Join with my Wife and mother regards, - to yourself, and the other members of your good family, my friends; - believe me, as usual. —

Yours Obediently
Jas Whitcher

Wm H. Whitcher Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries
Ottawa.

P.S. I send you a Memorandum of what I want you to do. - Yours &c

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Cancel the present licenses, on stations 1, 2, 3, and 4, at Turkey point, please refer to my reports of 5th August 1891. And issue the licenses according to the Honble Wardle last being our plan.

See his plan, and report dated 4th May 1891.

I also beg to refer you to an application I made to you, dated 15th day of July 1891. - for permission to get out Cedar posts, on Fishery Reserve at Queenston Heights. &c. -

My object in applying so early in the Season and Lawrence case, is that Allen, Knowing your decision, may make some clearing on the ground next year &c. - -

And as regards the Turkey point fisheries, I want to see every fishery established on this plan grounds, for the Gill fishing. - -

When you know Allen, for Manitoba, let me know, and I will meet you at Toronto: Perhaps you may want me to do something for you. - -

Yours,
Fishery Overseer

Hamilton, Ont.
29. August 1891.

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Hamilton

My dear Frank,-

By my letter home to last Friday, I sent a letter from my solicitor who is now preparing to come to London for Hamilton. After saying everything to Hinds and yours: he says he will do if coming to Ottawa just now, what is the business you want to know??

Can I have replied by asking him to mention your petition at once, by giving you Lord Athlone's ground.---

At St Catherines I saw Dr Langley, and I asked to be appointed one of the Arbitrators in the case of Cartwright and Walton. - While you stand - a chat Hill and after. Excuse you by Drake Walton.--

I saw dutch Bob, at St Catherines - & he wanted me to stop the

Niagara Falls. Now going up to Toronto at 4 o'clock; then to Hamilton & next from Hamilton. Can I meet you in Niagara & back on for the early train. If you will send by Friday, I will most likely meet him there. If you will send dutch Bob, dutch give me your address. - If I may let up here, but I am quite sure to hear it. - We shall have up with your news, I will come down, soon, when I go going from Ottawa, to stay longland.

Best wishes to my kind regards and to-
gether to your both, Believe me
Yours Sincerely
P.S. dutch Bob will be with Hamilton -
with pick, for F. - yours & Hamilton.

29. August 1882

Hon. F. the Jas: Cartwright,
Niagara.

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Hamilton, Ont.

My dear Brooke. —

I send to your address, this day, your opening C. Hess, and Dick Clarke, for the 14th of November 1880, and the 15th day of April 1881. — I sent the 92, I received from you, to the Fisheries department, Ottawa, on the 14th day of April last. — I never was furnished with licenses, and up to date, $96.50 of receipts by me in the Wheatley division, have been sent by me to the Fisheries department. I will send your Hook licenses to the Wheatley, the Commissioner is at present in Ottawa, I expect to hear from him about your matters in a few days, and will then do the needful. —

Yours truly.

Dickson.

Hamilton, Ont.
4th September 1881.

I am in receipt of yours of the 1st inst; As regards Mr. Judson Beaker, I find that on the 2nd of July last, I applied to the department, at Ottawa, thus! — "To Judson Beaker, Walsingham; — For Boat Licence to fish 100, Hooks, on lines, in Lake Erie, in front of Lot 3rd 15 Rods, commencing east, and running west of lot No ; township of Walsingham." 50.

In this application, I sent for Joseph Crawford of Houghton, John Henry Bradfield, do. — and James Walsh of Hamilton. — please examine your papers again, and see if you received those grant ms, and Judson Beakes, along with them, and if not, I will apply and get it up immediately. — —

Now as regards the other Nos!

My dear Li..

After I wrote you on yesterday morning, I got so hoarse, and continued so hoarse and unwell, that I could write no more, - and by the aid of Gods will, I am better to-day. - By the license sent you to-day, you will find all I presume. I got them for Jno McCall. -

Daily received $9. from Lim. - -

The Names are as follows: -

1.	William Bacraft, Spinning		1.00.
2.	D. Wells,	"	1.00.
3.	James Stuyck,	"	1.00.
4.	William Wolcan,	"	1.00.
5.	R. S. McCall,	"	1.00.
6.	Wm Snook,	200, Hooks.	1.00.
7.	John Helmer,	300.	1.50.
8.	Frank Culver,	100,	50.
9.	C. Ferris,	100. "	50.
10.	D. Jackson	100. "	50.
		Total	$9.00

licenses, recently applied for by you &.
I now send you for delivery.

1. William Wise Charlottesville Hook License for 200 Hooks 2.00 $1.00
2. John Helmer Turkey point 200 1.00
3. Chas: Ferris. do 100 Hooks — 50
4. James Crockett Charlottesville 100 — 50
5. do. do. Seine License 3.00.
6. William Snook Turkey point 200 — 1.00.
7. David Jackson Charlottesville 100 — 50
8. William Cole do. 100 — 50.
9. Frank Culver — do. 100 — 50.

I am very unwell, while writing this to you, when I get well I will write you more fully. - All you have to do if you will do your duty in the state of life to which you are called, honestly, justly, and above board. - We have had examples set us! - avoid them by all means. —

Yours fraternally.
J.W. Kelly. J. Davis

Hon: Jos: Cauchon. — Hamilton. Wednesday.
Niagara. 7. Sep: 1881. —

My dear Jim...

I have had a reply from the Fisheries Department about your old friends. I have to see Allan!...

I have a letter from Mr. Alexander Brown about that old Seine at Mr. Hon: Elliots. it is rotten, and cannot by mending be made sound for fishing; you can take Brown in there, and look at it...

What I would advise you to do is!- Take that Seine I left at your place, put in the New Centre, and the wings to it, and put Brown to fish it for Herring and pickerel for you and the partner; "Charity begins at home" do something for yourselves, at the same time you are doing for Brown... very shortly you will not be able for to fish your gill Nets; and there is no use in

Certain what other Mowat Collected, and has not sent me. — He and believes me.

Yours for

totally.

J. W. Keys.

P. O.

Hamilton, Ont.

5. Sep: 1881.

Simeon Bowers
Esq
P. Town
Ont.
dear
Royal.

Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton, 6. September 1881.—

Sir.

I have the honor to send your Bank draft #No: 561. for the sum of Dlrs. 50/100, dollars.—

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for this current season as follows:—

1. Francis Corbeau, Port Dover. For Boat license to fish in Lake Erie in front of the township of Dickering, already received and delivered. $5.00.

2. St. L. Bastien, Hamilton. For fishing ground in N. bay, on N. Beach, already received and delivered.— 5.00.

3. Albert Bailey. Charlottesville; For a Boat license to fish 100 Hooks on lines in the Inner Bay of Lake Erie, at Turkey point, in the township of Charlottesville, and County of Norfolk. "Please send me the license." —50.

Dlrs. $10.50.

Am with due respect,

I Have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

W. H. Storey.

Fishery Overseer.

To

Wm. Whitcher Esq.

Commissioner of Fisheries.

Ottawa.

Hamilton, Ont.
26. October 1881.

My dear Brother, — Bleak. —

I have been
unwell for some time past, occasionally
better and then a bad attack again. — —
I am now getting rid of an attack I had
on last saturday night. I will try & come
down some day (morning) next week. — —
I thank you for the [illegible] notice
in your letters to me. — —
Please send me one of the [illegible] I
sent you to read of the Volume at
Niagara, for me; I must have this because
many [illegible] when I first came down,
and with you please keep a correct
account for me of all the bisons and
other fish, and fisherman catches at
any [illegible] the day fish up. — —
Ever with love to you & yours,
believe me. Yours fraternally,
[illegible] H. Kerr

letting the horse stay idle, make something for
yourselves, and get Brown to help. —

I have been very sick again, or I should
be off to Niagara to-day, and pay up my
debts for the fencing, this is only the second
letter, I have written this week. —

On Sunday morning last, I took the chills
again! Just imagine the last day sunday was,
I got so chilly, and cold, that nothing else
I had to get hot drinks to, and a lot
of bed clothes over me, before warmth came,
this was restless; and I remained in great
agony, and pain all day, until relieved by
Easter tablets. — I am at the bottles, the pills,
and powders again. — Just to name the
matter. [Bleak Inn.] without anger or steam. —
So you may tell the Gentlemen, to keep the
Steam tea pot on the stove. — I am nearly
all right again, and God willing; I will come
down early next week, but with my warm
— — — best regards to the Mrs & yourself.
I am — — Yours sincerely, — H. Kerr

Hamilton, Ont.
10. September 1921.

private and
Confidential.

My dear Frank,

Many many thanks for your
dear letter. - Oh soon as the peaches are all
round again! Send additional peaches for the
pale picking are also not out, until you be
sure you are to write and let me know,
giving me the Names of the persons
who have sent me the additional pots,
Friends and friends. -

In my Native home, last time I saw you!
I wrote the John L. Allan, for $40. for his
third payment, which I received at once. - This!
Allan Hay, Esq. Esq. have paid me $ 120. -

I wish to enquire in Confidence, if any one
[illegible] a double pot, or any kind of an at-
tempt opposition to the pot or pattern, a blind
copy of the devils in the dark, that should
not be used. - And with my warm regards. -
-, Dear Frankie, Yours Sincerely
Helena Mc Innes. [illegible] Innes

Hamilton, Ont. [illegible]
10. September 1921.

My dear Charley,

I am getting on right again.
I got [illegible], and my belly practically [illegible]
and pale! and now [illegible] again, the pain is on
the left, and on the right side of my belly, passing
as it were from the back, or from side to side, -
my right, the liver, I suppose is most affected. -

I have taken on the previous left of the
black bottle, and some of the pills, besides
3 or 4, doses of Castor Oil. - And on
Thursday last was Physically, worked about
a dozen times from the effects of the medicine.

I am fine in my stomach today, and ever
since Thursday, while I have taken nothing ex-
cept from your black bottle, once or twice
daily. I was in the grip 3 days. - -

And with warm regards.

Yours faithfully.

Drink Milk Chocolate
[illegible]
Milton
10. Sept: 1921.

Hamilton. City.

My dear Mrs Elliot

I have again.
had another chill. this day day week. (on
Sunday) as I would have been during
during the first week. - I am getting on
to recovery now I think may have a
run down to Glasgow this week...

Now is the finishing (laughing) for White
hose.. A gentleman in the Montreal Bank
he is in Bank next to the Agent. - was my-
self. with you down shortly. for to finish your
White hose.- for a couple of days. - then you
recommended him. with a last known. board.
last. Yes - I will come with him...

I was to procure this last sickness. that
Morphia was put in my arm to discharge
the pain. which it did in about one minute
or less;- after it was forced into my arm. I
fell asleep. for about 5 Minutes, and when
I awoke. I was able to laugh. I was better,
I am now confined to 3 pills a day.-

Black some black stuff in a bottle.
which I occasionally take when the
pain happens.. I walked over the
fair this morning. which is the first walk.
my I made since Monday 24. of August.
I think I will come down myself long
day this week, however! if you Grandma.
was still pleased. I will ask big the
gentleman. I refer to, will me, - besides
he will self come in fair, week another...

I hope you are all in good health. give
my kind regards to Mrs Elliot and the
girls, - then please tell Big Jim. and Mrs
Cantwell. I am better.... I hope for
your own sake, you are minding the
apples... Remember me! Kindly to Mrs Orr
and Mrs Strathearn - they get that finishing...
A good tie for cleaning and cleaning the
grounds.. I was for 8 days. I wonder this
year spring day. if I see my wife...

Hamilton, Ont.
12. Sept: 1861.

Yours Sincerely. -
W Gilmour -

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Private.

Hamilton. Ont.
12. Sept: 1881.

My dear Di:

I expected to have been able to come down and see you before this.. But have been sick!

I heard in Toronto about a month ago, that Bill Wright had bought a quantity of Silk Neck. at Perkins. for Bob: Wright.. Please tell Mr Wright to send me of 5. dozen ties.. Some person else I heard from the Bay, bought more silk Neck. who was it?..

I will come down down, and see you, and all my old friends.. Please write me on receipt and give me some News.. Would you like to join a Rowing Club. Answer! And with my kind regards.. Yours sincerely.

Miss Mansfield.
Coleman..
Fenelon Falls

J. W. Kerr.
Fenelon Falls

My dear Sarah,

Was you ever
a printer, who it is, that opened [illegible]
in Brock Jackson's not. but
or
who it was that opened [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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To Owen Romaine Esq[re] M.P.
P. Guardian,—
Port Royal.

My dear Sir,—

The day after I received — or rather the same day, I wrote to you last, I received from the Fisheries de- partment Ottawa: Licenses as follows: —

1.	James Wood. Houghton,	100. Nets. — £5.
2.	John Henry Caulfield.	do. 100. do. £5.
3.	Joseph Crawford.	— do. — 100. do. £5.
4.	Judson Baker, Walsingham,	100. do. £5.

Will you be pleased to note and inform those your licenses as soon as issued. — Are there any more li- censes of any kind, that you have applied for. — Owen Romaine. — please let me know, when you write again.

I — getting all well again, and am completely restored to good health, will come up to Port shortly — presents there found Fish- ermen there, who hooks White fish there season there last November. —

I have all the plans, and all the proof. — And when I begin. I will send for you to come there. — I hope the last licenses for Hooks. in the Inner and Outer Bays. Turkey point, will suit. — —

I cannot say, or do anything. for Owen: Kilmaster, all the grounds you refer to, in the above Ref. for which the C — re- of 10. licensed plans — for this year 1881. have been annually licensed for upwards 15 years. and more to Turkey point, fishermen — And so far as I am personally concerned I can make no change. — But on receipt of these papers given to Mr. Kilmaster by Mr. C, — I can submit them and the case to the Commissioner of Fisheries, Ottawa. Get the receipts and permit at once. — —

Hamilton, Ont. 12, Sep: 1881. —

Yours Sincerely,
Wicksteed, F.

Private & Confidential.

My dear Jane. —

I — give in — receipt of the following telegraph from Mr. John Bolton: Also! J. W. Kerr, Esq. Barrister. Hamilton. — Wire you must meet me at the Station in Hamilton, at three to-morrow, business of importance, answer. Yours obliged, John Bolton.

Hamilton. 12. Sep: 1861.

What is up now! what is this all about. — I hope you have not been in contact with Jack, about anything, as it is my wish that you should go on smoothly, for the rest of your life. I am going to the States to meet him, although it is about all I am able to do. — will not come down before Friday. Give my kind regards to your good wife and family. — Believe me — Hamilton, Sept. 12 Sep. 1861. Yours Sincerely. J. W. Kerr. —

My dear Sir.

Will you be pleased to give the Chief Ranger's Union of Chebucto, which deliver. — And with my warm regards. — Yours faithfully. — J. W. Kerr. Deputy Bursar. Hamilton, Sept. 14. Sep: 1861.

Evan Barrie Esqre. P. Guardian, Port Royal.

Copy.

The Plaintiffs claim is...

For damages for wrongfully entering the Plaintiffs land, being that parcel of land in the Township of Niagara; Commencing where a Black Oak stump formerly stood on the shore of Lake Ontario, between the One and Two Mile Creek; Thence north twenty five degrees, fifteen minutes; Thence along the [illegible] course of property granted to one John Deane, the [illegible]... Thence South twenty eight degrees thirty minutes west, Twelve chains, twenty five link more or less to a Oak stump in the East bank of the Two mile pond: Thence south, thirteen degrees East, to Lake Ontario; Thence Easterly along the waters Edge of Lake Ontario, to the place of beginning: Containing about Two acres, three Roods, and twenty nine perches; by pulling down the fences, removing the same and removing and using the same with the Horses, Carts, Sleds and gilling Tackle; and for an injunction...

This Writ was issued by Alexander Catanach, of the City of Toronto in the County of York Solicitor for the Plaintiff, who resides at the said City of Toronto.

A true Copy.

Hamilton, Ont.
16. September 1890.--

J. Wilkie
Deputy Sheriff.

Bailiff's Bureau's Office.
Hamilton, 14. September 1881.

Sir,

I have the Honor to report for your information, that I have just had a visit from Mr. John Patton, a licensed fisherman of the town of Niagara, ont. and in front of the Queen's Park, which is situated in the township of Niagara, and South of Simcoe.

It appears, that in front of Lake Ontario, and in front of a farm recently owned and occupied by the late John Lowe, there is a piece of land, containing about 2. acres of land, including the beach. This piece of land has been occupied by Mr. John Patton, for about 25 years, as fishermen.

Until very recently, during the summer, it was always supposed these 2. acres of land were on Indian Reserve property. But not until the Hon. Mr. Mowat, the Minister of Education, for the Province of Ontario, was during the summer in the City, did Mr. John Patton, and endeavoured to assert his rights to the premises was any person aware that Mr. Patton had a claim on the place, for which none was demanded whatever was made upon Mr. John Patton, for the giving up his possession of the place; which would in fact be giving up his rights to the Crown fisheries of Niagara. I respectfully submit the case for your information; also the copy of writ, issued on Mr. John Patton, on the 15th instant.

Mr. Patton, has this day employed R. R. Waddell, Barrister of this City, in his behalf.

Mr. Patton's lease will expire on the 1st day of November next.

I have the Honor to be,
Your Obedient Servant,
Hamilton. [illegible] Bailiff, City Hamilton.

Niagara, 20. September 1861. –

Mr. Saunderson for R. H. Waddell Esqre Barrister, R. H. Brown Esqre, Crown Att^y John Burton, of Niagara, fisherman. –

The land referred to in the Writ, demanded on Att^y John Burton, at the suit of the plaintiff, "The Hon: Adam Crooks, is not his, and never has been in possession of Mr. Burton, only the beach, and a portion of the land without the grave. And altho' the Hon: Att^y Crooks, now claims this property (12. Acres.) it has never been assessed to him, nor to any body else; and neither he, nor any one else, have ever paid taxes on it. –

It appears, in March 1858, it will be found proved, The late Hon: James Crooks, father to the Plaintiff, Leased this piece of land, and beach, including the fisheries, at the Two Mile pond, in Lake Ontario, now in Burton's possession, under license from the "Fisheries department of Canada", to the late Walter Elliot, Esqr, of the Town of Niagara, when they commenced fishing, under the said Lease. – "He had no legal right then, it appears to do so". – Att^y Barney Reilly, then a prominent person living in the Town of Niagara, when Att^y Elliot and Esqr, refused to admit into the arrangement, coming and fishing there also. – They took him up for trespass, when the Judge before whom the case was then tried, decided it was no trespass, the beach of Lake Ontario, being a High way, for Boats, sloops, and fishing purposes, Elliot and Esqr, have to pay all the costs: And from that time, until June last, there never was a demand made for the possession of said land, or any part of it. – It was always considered to be an Indian Camping ground, the English Gentleman, it never appears, made the late Hon: James Crooks, a present of it. – A letter from Hon: Adam Crooks, to Att^y John Burton, on the subject here'th, with explanation stuff. – John Burton, fisherman.

Mis dated 16. June 1861. – 5

for. J. Wilk. –

Copy...

Niagara.
June 15. 1861. —

Mr. Bolton will please let Mr. Blain know, when he can meet me at the Rising Sun, some day next week, say Wednesday, between the arrival of the Steamer at 4.30, and its leaving at 8.30. — Say at 5 o'clock. — I will see the Com. when he comes to day, and make the grant to Say, and arrange with you in a friendly way with a view to any trouble about the strip of land, which is scarcely worth any trouble or dispute. I only want it, to enable my Bargain with Captain Massey. —

Wm Hamilton. —

Hamilton, 21. Sept: 1861.

My dear Sir, Your favour received, & note the contents in my favour. I would [illegible] what you propose doing with your grant of property &c. at Chemung Creek, on Lake Erie. — I would come up & [illegible] any day your may fix on with [illegible] I have been away at Niagara since the 15th inst. and only [illegible] Yours [illegible]

Fishery Overseers office...
Hamilton. 23rd September 1884.-

L. .

I Have the honor to report that on Sunday last at the Town of Niagara; the William Wilson, the William G. Vesey, and Robert Murdock, left the said Town in Boats, having upon Hooks and Trolling lines in their possession, rowed across the River, and commenced fishing under or in front of the American Fort, in American Waters, where they caught a quantity of Bass in contravention of the Sabbath Observance Act, to which I beg most respectfully to refer you. -

I have those persons summoned before Wm Kirby Esqre J.P. on Monday last, the cases were adjourned until Tuesday morning last at 9. a.m. when the cases were clearly proved. . .

The plea set up by the defendants, was! that the fishing was carried on in American Waters wherein Bass was the caught; but as the fish so caught were not taken to the Town of Niagara by the persons on their return home, no offence was committed by them. . .

The law is very clear: Quite right. You can shall go out to fish on that day Sunday." The Magistrate has however, submitted the case to the County Attorney, at St Catharines, for his opinion, before giving a decision. .

A great deal of this kind of fishing was being carried on this every Sunday for on to attract public attention; was mostly by the residents of Niagara, & has the Magistrate and I, brought up these people to Justice etc. - "We Caught up Sunday"

W. D. Calvin Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries
Ottawa. - -

I Have the Honor to be,
Your Obedt Servt
[illegible]
Overseer

Sir,—

I appeal to you to
favour me, by petitioning the Honble
the Minister of Crown Lands, to
renew; to me his licence to occupy
occupies by you and your Brother, Mr
Robert John Allan R., under a licence
which will expire on 31st of December
next, restored to him again after that
date. — I am perfectly in this matter,
for his reasons are so strong and fa-
vourable, I apprehend he will get it back
again. — I would like to have fa-
vour on the subject. — As the same
time I beg to assure you, that if such
a thing is refused by the Minister, I
shall have no claim. As the ground
was occupied by Mr Buchanan, for
six years, he gives the pre-

I appeal to you to favour me, by petitioning the Honble the Minister of Crown Lands, to renew to me his licence to occupy occupies by you and your Brother, Mr Robert John Allan R., under a licence which will expire on 31st of December next, restored to him again after that date. — I am perfectly in this matter, for his reasons are so strong and favourable, I apprehend he will get it back again. — I would like to have favour on the subject. — As the same time I beg to assure you, that if such a thing is refused by the Minister, I shall have no claim. As the ground was occupied by Mr Buchanan, for six years, he gives the pre-

Yours truly,
Robert
Riley Simpson
Hamilton C.W.
28 Sept: 1861. —

Mr Richard Allan Jr
Niagara. C.W.

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private!

Hamilton, Ont.
23. Sept: 1881.

My dear Jam. . .

I duly received your letter, How much did you pay to Captain Baxter. I find by my Book, you paid me on the 12th May 1865. for your last fishing ground. at the Ause, for license of 30. dollars.

did you pay the Cunaught, 30 dollars. or of 60 a year, which was it, answer. —

Slade was at 50 ℔. or 50 ℔ a year the late George Crosthwaite paid for you. — but how much was it, Mr. Thos; Robertson. Ch. P. paid for you. give me each amount as distinctly. and separately; and etc. etc. . . I have just written to young Mr. Allan; and I have addressed it, to the care of the Major of Niagara so that every thing shall be fair above board. — I told him your petitioned Mr. Mowat. to get your share of the ground

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back, after 31st of December next, and from the strong claims you make, and the cogent reasons put forward; I was greatly perplexed: and I appreciate, you will get it back; and I want him to give me his views in writing in the matter. . . .

However. I said, he should have the ground. (Grable ground) for a new term of years a year, as you did, you old one, if profitably and lawfully; all — — I must now wait his reply. . . will do no more. I can go any further. . . .

As my computation up to the present time, you have paid for license at Niagara about ℔ 440. dollars, whilst the others have only paid ℔ 55. altogether, so this should tell in your favour. . . .

I got home all right, your good prayers; and I hope to have received at the throne of grace in my favour. — I am not altogether well yet, but I am improving. I always feel better when

in Niagara, ever since I got sick last spring, than I do in any other place on.

I have taken no medicine of any kind since I came home. I am perspiring while writing, and sweating freely. —

I suppose I may look to your kind enquiries and ally kindness about my health, and the health of my family. they are all well, and for myself it is just as I have said above. —

I am sorry you fishing for me last time was so unfortunate — Shame! Jem my friend! the fishermen of Sea toiled all the night, and caught nothing. Nevertheless at the bidding of Christ they let down their Nets — & they set them again; and so should we; and so will you be also. — Even while your mem has left you, still Christ never leaves nor forsakes us. —

And with my best warm thanks and regards to you both for your kind wishes and attention. — I remain sincerely. Yours

please

Mention receipts for
Salary £125 sterling, quarter ending 30th Sept: 1846.
Ditto 31st Dec: 1846.
Ditto 31st March 1847.

Fishery Overseers Office.-
Hamilton. 24. Sept: 1884.-

Sir.

I have the Honor to send you Bank draft, No: 819. for the sum of Five dollars.--

Will you be pleased to apply this amount, for this current season, to licence fees, as follows: -
1. William Baldwin, of Charlottesville.. For a licence to spear in the Inner Bay, Lake Erie, township of Charlottesville, during the winter of 1884. and up to the 15th day of April 1884. - amount is. $1.00
2. Isaac Watkins. do. do. do.- 1.00.-
3. Charles Howell. do. do. do. 1.00..
4. Thomas Reeves.- do. do. do. 1.00.-
I have blank licences, for spearing in the waters of Newburgh Bay, and I can fill up the same and have them delivered as above, - on your approval of the same.---
5. James Dunkin, Charlottesville: For a licence to fish 200 Hooks, on Night lines, in the Inner Bay, Lake Erie, township of Charlottesville, during this current year 1884. - amount is. $1.00
please send me licence.-- Total $5.00

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
Thos. W. Watkins
Fishery Overseer.

W. H. Whitcher Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa.--

Fishery Overseers office,
Hamilton, 24. Sep: 1891.—

Sir.

I again take the liberty of sending you the following permits issued by the D. Z. Ry. Com., jointly, with James W. Hall, Guardian.

1. Dr William Plowman, Dr upon in Inner Bay, Lake Erie, at Turkey point for 1891. — the amount was, — One dollar; — I dont suppose you got the Money. — Dr Lives in Charlotteville.
2. Dr George Markham, Dr at Williams, Dr upon in the Inner Bay, Lake Erie, at Turkey point, the amount was One dollar. — I am aware the same was never sent to the department. — — Dr was also issued for year 1890. on Jan: 6. 1891.
3. Dr James Johnston, Dr at Williams, Dr upon in the Inner Bay, Lake Erie, at Turkey point, the amount was One dollar; I suppose you never got the Money. — All these permits; the Guardian of Inner Bounds, of the Royal, writes me, have a History about them. — dated 11. Jan: 1891. —

I feel it to be my duty to let you have all these documents, as they were in my possession; Dont wish my expenses. —

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
[illegible]
Fishery Overseer

[illegible]
for the Commissioner
of Fisheries.
Ottawa. —

Dated 6. Jan: 1891.

Fishery Overseer's Office,
Niagara, 24. Sept: 1861. —

Sir,

With reference to my report to you of the 14.th inst. respecting Writ issued on the complaint of John Bolton, fisherman at Niagara. — I now send you copy of statement handed to R. R. Waddell Esq.re Magistrate, by the said Bolton, for your information. —

And with due respect,

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
John W. Kerr,
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esq.re
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa.

Copy.

Niagara, 20. September 1800.

Memorandum for K. K. Wadsworth Esqre Canandaigua, N.Y.

Jacob Ellis John Roblin, of Niagara, Yeomen.

The Land required to be the Writ, seized on by John Roblin, at the suit of the Plaintiff. The Non^ble Archibald Cameron Esqre is not able, and has never been able in possession of plff Roblin, only the Lake beach, and a portion of the land without the fence, next to the said beach. - That altho' the Honble plff Cameron, now claims this property (Niagara) it has never been executed to him, nor to any body else; and neither he nor any one else have ever paid taxes on it. -

It appears, that in March 1800, suit is said to ground executed; The Sheriff Niagara District, Gaoler, to the Plaintiff Cameron this piece of land, one beach including the fisheries at the Two mile grave, in Lake Ontario, in front of this piece of land, now in plff John Roblins possession, under license from the District department of Canada; to the Sheriff Gaoler, Niagara, of the Town of Niagara; who they commenced fishing under the said license. The law no doubt right there; It appears Mr Cameron plff Ramsay Crooks, then a prisoner gaol in the Town of Niagara, whom plff Sheriff would not permit to enter into the enclosure, Commenced and fished there, on his own account, Elliot and Ivy, took him up, for trespass, the Judge before whom he was cited the suit, Cameron plff Crooks, has therefore no business, that the Land of John Roblin being a Right way, for his boats, and fishing purposes. - Elliot and Ivy, to pay all costs. - - That pro- that suit, made them last, there must was a settlement made for the possession of the said piece of land on

[illegible] part of it. — It was always considered to be an Indian camping ground. —

The English Gentleman, it now appears, made the late Hon: James Brooks, a present of it. A letter from the Hon[ble] Adam Brooks, to Gen[l] John Morton, on the subject, herewith, will explain itself. It is dated 15[th] of June 1811. —

[illegible]

Mr Morton.
Richmond.
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Hamilton, Canto

Canada.

My dear Mr Smith

I send you herewith, a Post office order, for the sum of £ 37.05 £. the balance it appears, I owe Mr James Langhurst, which according to his account, is cleared in very steep indeed. —

I suppose I have no alternative, but to pay the bills exhibited as I fear they are. — I don't expect ever to get a penny of this money back. — I shall for the next 18 days to a fortnight, is very good pay. —

Dr. Jas Mr. Just leaves me, for something is uncertain. — Mrs Mc. — poor Nelly is beyond the pale of Congratulation. — and then Dr. Lucifer with our additional surgeon, Mr Sullivan, for 3 days. £ 60. in the lump. — However! I suppose I have no alternative, but pay, and grin. You dear Father pay for self, the £s. you recommended Mr Sullivan, and £ the nice surgeon, and your witness also. —

And the expenditure will be it, for the present. —

I wished recommend you to go down, pull all the apples, take them home, and use them for self and family. to which you are heartily welcome. — Old Mrs Langhill, wanted to buy them from me; but I told her, they were yours. — Lest you may have a delicacy in taking them, why you can give me some fish in the place of, and by. — Give my Kind regards to Mrs Smith, Mrs Lee, and Miss.

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Hamilton, Ont.
27. Aug: 1891.

My dear Sir,

You were so kind as to say you
giving me a day when before the ap-
pointed time; I write to ask you if
I understand you to make me
You surprise me about poor Archer
Allans death: I have got no news of it
since I came home until yesterday
when having gone to Burlington Beach:
I was inclined during the early part
of last night to get sick again, al-
though miss you. I may send a
telegram of wreaths which there...

But miss Sadie Allan or either the
boys as to your going information about
sunday fishing: as you know nothing
of the kind, except better, as the
others were under my own eye —
observation... I found my Uncle
Alexander fishing... Then I never left

I am greatly perplexed about my
dear old grandma, at present held
by the Allans, as mine home for this
year. - Will Blank, etc. for, if decisions
you should get it back. I have a
objection, but I don't wish to do any
thing that can be construed to be per-
sonal; and I have written to young
Dick Allan, on the subject. And
when I hear from him will lay
everything fairly before the de-
partment, don't say anything to
any person about the matter. -
The Gentleman in the Bank, and
some others want to come down,
when the White Bass are taking
bait, of which appears no.
Not to know me.

Yours sincerely,
J. Baker.

28. Aug: 1891.

William Hilley. and Sir Jos: W. Airey. go
and to Jail myself. - And Wm Taylor
whom I sent after them. pursued on with
that he pursued them Jailing.. But when
Hilley and Airey came to him and Read
the Deed. they took Lies and Looks with
them, and they asked Taylor for more.

They owned up, they ought Jail, but
said. they did not bring any Jail back
to Glasgow with them. -

Now Jack Bolton and Charles Bolton,
and the Mayor expressed their approval
of what I did! - And Jack assisted me.

I sent Mr. Elliot. 37. dollars. on gettin
a. of the Jury up Lebanon to Long Island
by Ly: I drew reasonably to the old
Jew. Look round and see how matters
are. I advise Downey to have Black Kitty
papers made out. sent. and I wish Gray Jos
Downey all done. . . with Kind regards to Mrs
L. Lebanon me yours Sincerely -

Wm Kerr -

"Fishery Overseers Office"
Hamilton, 27. September 1881.

Sir,

I have the honor to send you Bank cheque No: 624. for the sum of Eleven dollars -

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows, for this current season;

1. Mssrs Dan: McGregor and John [illegible], Burlington Canal; For a boat license to fish in Ontario already received and delivered. - $1.00

2. F. H. Carey, Burlington Canal: For Sein hauling license in Lake Ontario to Burlington Canal; already received and delivered. - For L. Sein Jas. as $10.- sent on after. $5.00

And with due respect. Am't. $11.00

I have the Honor to be,
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
[illegible]
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa. - -

Hamilton. Ontario
22. Sep: 1884.

Messrs Thomas Bengough
Bros.

Dear Sirs,

Your letters have been duly received, and contents have been duly noted by me: I have not been very well, have very apparent neglect in not writing.

The last P.S. a fortnight ago, was duly received, and to the superintendent, and he means applying for, on receipt of which by me, they will be forwarded to you at once.

When we request the shooting of fish, it is not only unfortunate, but it is illegal, and must not be tolerated. It is strictly against the by Act known as the Ontario fishing, and the fish are spawning, and the fish are not very good then. The fishing then is opposed to it.

When we request the spawning of fish, I have already recommended this spawning be furnished in the Ontario

paint, handsomely gilt - Cost here $. from the 10th of September, with the 10 $ of April, following at the rate of $ 1. per cent per for the other period, and which must be in every case, prior to removal, and which the Board of Fish Com. or Superintendent of Fish Culture, or person appointed by him in writing, may require them to be removed with Eight hours, or if opening them after the 10th of September, within Eight hours after the opening with the proper

Have not had occasion to write to you since the
receipt of Mr Parker's draft for £50 — I
hope it will be duly honored — I am sincerely
sorry that I should have had occasion to
draw a draft, but you must be aware, if
Anglo have nothing about it, he will imme-
diately write up to the Board — Under no cir-
cumstances expect the matter again. I
am at home now as we are daily
hourly expecting our little boy —
Mr Anglo and
have nothing in my favor. —

About Mr Walker's debt, when applied
to make the 50 £ known: the first of the year
when your salary goes on — give it to him
then if he thinks you have. —

If you are not under any debt to
me pray out of your own funds as much
as you think the same to you — I leave
you to do this thing from the Dictates of
Justice. Adieu. —

Our kind regards to Mrs

Have my sympathies & the Profes-
sion of Life has, now by your advice &
our Brethren I have sent the Diploma re-
quested upon of £100 for which you —
And you a direction to manage by
my predecessor, it takes note of those quotes
for both you and J.

In regards their bonds, opening di-
rection which you wrote for I wrote to Mr
Mr Walker Brooks, for him the 29 of
August last. — You will please remember
that there is no opening bonds now in Ar-
kansas in the County of Phillips and never
will be before the 10th of November next
and none will be now then; only under
bonds previously given for. —

Anything nothing! whether a new
bonds should or only — You did, or new
bid; he must pay what the Auditor of St.
Louis for it, 25 & the collector for this
purpose one fifth more opening. — I have
no more to say on opening matters. —

J.J.

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of the Peace.

I am in receipt
of your of the 7th inst.
I think I am the
Man the enquiry means, to give
up the Murderers of Bishop
Smith, on application for by your letter
of — I will endeavour to explain
upon them any of my early Views
which made me give up the
Men up to the Civil Power
But — Before me with Kind
Regards — Yours Sincerely
[illegible]
Hamilton, C.W.
14. Sept: 1844.

The Hon.ble [illegible]
Port Dover.
C.W.

Sir: Hamilton, 14th Sept. 1844.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 7th inst. requesting me to give up the Murderers of Bishop Smith, on application for by your letter of — I will endeavour to explain upon them any of my early Views which made me give up the Men up to the Civil Power But — Before me with Kind Regards —

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[illegible]

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Yours Sincerely
[illegible]

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Mailed these lines Notice, signed by W. H. Whitcher Esqre Commissioner of Fisheries, dated Fisheries Department, Ottawa, 1st October 1881. - to the undermentioned Fishermen, Licensed to fish on this bay. -

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1. Absalom Harris. Fort Erie. Ont. -
2. Peter Mack. Port Dalhousie. -
3. John W. Ramsey. - Ridgeway. Ont. -
4. James Carbrook, Niagara. -
5. Hugh M. Abbott, and Charles Ball, Niagara. -
6. Thomas Leith, Niagara. -
7. John Barton, Niagara. -
8. Richard Gilbert, Acting Water Bailiff.
9. W. H. Jones, merchant, Lewiston,
10. O. D. Parker. - Port Dover. -
11. Jabez Howe. - Grimsby. -
12. Charles A. Smith, Fisherman, Beamsville, Ont.
13. - Richard Gilbert, Niagara. -
14. William Lough, Merchantville Post office.
15. Absalom Moore, Port Dover. Simcoe Co. -
16. G. L. Brisbin, do. - do. -
17. Henry Haggman, Queenston, -
18. Hugh Chisholm and James Cain, Chisholm's Co. -
19. John Smith, Port Erie. -
20. Hugh M. Quinlan, and Others, Port Dover. -
21. Thomas Lugg, Fisher Harbor, Ont. -
22. Thomas Jackson, Port Dover.
23. Hugh M. Allen and Company, do. -
24. Hugh M. A. Brown, and Company, Selkirk Co.

Hamilton, Ont. -
Dy. September 1881.

Memorandum, for S. B. Ramsay Esqre acting for the Commissioner of Fisheries. Ottawa.

In case of Brooks. vs. John Bolton. fisherman, Niagara.

It appears, the Hon: Adam Brooks, of Toronto, owns 40. Acres of land in the township of Niagara, in front of which there is a Lake landing ground fishery, licensed this year, to James Cavanagh. - The front of this farm, next the Lake, terminates on a high bank, leaving the beach at all times free and open to the fishermen and the public. - West of this 40. Acres, owned by the Hon: Adam Brooks, there is a farm formerly held by one John Secord, but since sold, and now in possession of a Doctor Rie, and this farm, is also fenced off from the beach in front of John Bolton's fishery. - But outside of Dries farm, next to the Lake, there is a Knoll of about an acre of land, sloping down to the beach, and the waters of Lake Ontario; and it is this Knoll of land, and the beach, that the Hon: Adam Brooks, now claims, and as Bolton states, the fishery at present licensed to him, by the Fisheries department, in Lake Ontario, besides. - When as regards the fishery John Bolton, this was an impossibility, as the Fisheries department, controled all the waters and fisheries of the Dominion. - And then it was, Bolton told me, the Hon: Adam Brooks wrote him, and told him; I have sold this 40. Acres, to Captain Pilkey of the City of Dublin in Ireland; but Captain Pilkey declines to take it, unless I give him the piece of land in front of Mr. Dries farm as well; and Bolton added, he supposes his fishery at the time, into the Bargain. -

I am very sorry to annoy you, but in all justice to the fisheries, the fishermen; and to be a protector I felt, and thought that I might have forfeited some measure in my duty, if I neglected, at this present time, to inform you, what has heretofore

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tempire, and is now stepping and tempiring about this Jubey at the Two Hills pond, and it is madents business - pardon me - and with deep respect

I am,
Your Obedient Servant
John Wilson -
Indian Surveyor.

Ottawa,
29. Sep: 1869. -

Mr Bansat. 30. Sept: 1869.

In order to make things more clear and plain to your mind and intellects. -

I append a memorandum of what John Rolan told me was the Hon: Adams Brooks determination, if he succeeded in getting the land in part the Lac Labiche pond, & Lake Beland at the 2 Hills pond, towards of Niagara. - I and many persons are sure that we cannot get on for the water privileges alone; but it is not certain what the ultimate aim and object of the prosecutor is, in this case; and I am, why I report to you particulars. Wilson. - Surveyor. -

Ottawa,
29. Sep: 1869. -

Mr Bansat

I am at a loss to know what the object of these proceedings about Lake Belaine, the Niagara pond, and the Two Hills pond, can be for the water privileges, such the land, are the results appears to be for the sale. -

Wilson -

Fishery Overseers office. —
Hamilton, 21. Sep. 1880 —

Sir

I have the honor to receive Your despatch
[illegible] dirested to the above address, under
provisions of the Fishery Law, in the Province
of Ontario, and which I have this day circulated.
I will require about 8 days more for to com-
plete the Returns of my division, which
you will please send me. —
When you be pleased to send me, Sir
Fishery Acts and the Blue Book annual Reports
for year 1880. —

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
[illegible] —
Fishery Overseer

W. H. Whitcher Esqre.
Secretary of Fisheries.
Ottawa. — — E

Hamilton, Canada
Sep. 6th: 1821.

Respected Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter, and would have answered it, but have been away most part of my time; and on my return met with your's. — I have delayed writing to you long — In answer to your letter, you wish to the department for a list of persons having claims to grants of the front of the County of York, you do not mention the name they prefer to apply to this I may refer you. I was informed to provide you with the Names of persons [illegible] on the front of the County of York, this is written; and in my letter to [illegible] I refer you to the Surveyor General's Office

In the early part of the year, when

we also known in writing, but the part of time for which they were granted, has expired before your application, was amongst them [illegible] of Lieutenant, have only omitted them. — He regards the known grantee to the late Mr. Patrick Gray, to be known [illegible] he does not wish in writing to this at all. — I wish he should know what with what at your please with both the above matters more with you. —

You say: "I should also feel obliged if you would inform me, when under what the division of Military offices are given." — In reply to this I may say you are of the Military Officers are given only when they qualify, one name of the one of the year by Mayor in the [illegible] I mean [illegible] this to my Secretary, your address is 69, this is an Ordinary practice. —

Hamilton, Ont.
1. October 1841.-

Sheriff Lt.

Your application has been duly received for a Boat License to fish in Lake Sim. off Port Dover.-

I will require from you the quantity of each kind of fish that you propose fishing:- together with the limits within which you propose fishing.-

Here is much that is needful in the limits you propose you are not aware within two miles of any ground already leased for same purpose. Net fishing.- Neither are you fish with any part of the seine fish by license limits, without this permission.- I hope you will do well.- Yours truly.-

Wm. O. B. Allan.-
Port Dover. 1/

Sheriff Esquire.

Are you sure:- That when a Fishing Officer issues Licenses direct or he shall issue for the department to the parties requiring them, after an application through the Offices?"-

In reply to all this, I may state you, that no Fishing Overseer has power within himself to issue direct licenses; all licenses we applied for, to the department, by sending in the plans, the locality and the amount of the Licenses for the current year.- All licenses extend from 1st January, to 31st of December in each year.- When you receive the license, you countersign it, and deliver it to the person entitled to receive it.-

As I said above, I will be ready and will post you on such matters as may be of use to you, in the discharge of your duties.- Believe me, Yours. &c.

Wm. Hamilton Esq.
Overseer
Highland Creek.

Hamilton.
Overseer.

Hamilton, Ont.

Messrs Rowan & Lyle
Dr. Jamieson - Chicago, -
a/c.

Messrs Lee — Will you be so good as to give the best price you can for, please send them to the person immediately, for which they have been issued - and at the same time you will please inform those persons who intend to open next winter, though the sea, or in open water or in boat; as the case may be, they: from the 10th of November to the 15th April following: that the licence for, will be only then valid. - Thus: -

1. James Durkin - Hook, - 1 d. 00
2. Thomas Rowan - Spring - 1.00
3. James Durkin - do. - 1.00
4. Charles Donald - do. - 1.00
5. William Robbins - do. - 1.00

I must tell you I am while signing each of the fish, when the collector

the Commissioner will be up - Do let me get a reduced fare Hamilton -
I may be at Chicago for some very much such, if so, I will telegraph you; so that you may have dinner for me - that then will be -
I am getting the right eyes but very little -
When you receive this paper, fold over four times, keep close, sealing on the flaps; one thousand circulars, and I will return this license to Ottawa, to get up the new, then license for you apply for. - about three hundred dozen fresh bright sardines - Some Canada salmon, about 2 - Do a few small Canada yellow, tender & tender pieces, do do not of your fish supply for this schedule - Please explain for this please before, do that a sufficient for you now I. - Robbins was, Yours Faithfully
Hamilton, 4 Sept 1871 -

Hamilton, Ont.
1st October 1881.

Mrs Jane Gray. The Manse.
Care of James Rennie Esq.
Merchant, -
Toronto. -

Turner has just written about Island property. will come down on Monday. -

John W. Stewart -
Sidney Cooper.

Hamilton,
1st October 1881. —

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 29th instant just received respecting Mrs Jane Gray's property on the Island. - I will come down on Monday next. -

Please see Inspector Stewart and tell him so. - I would have come sooner, but I have been sick.

Your Mr Stewart and I, on my arrival will go across to the Island and in the presence of Mrs Gray, do the operation you ask of me and be most willingly give one I hope to your entire satisfaction. - Believe me. -

Yours sincerely
John Turner Esq.
Seneca St.
Toronto

John W. Stewart -
Sidney Cooper.

Hamilton! —

My dear Lizzy

Yours of the 12th which was duly received complaining that you [illegible] have had but [illegible] I should begin upon the subject of your letter, but always do so: you do not say who the person is who has the Art under his own keeping where it was you have the fish that did not suit his Excellency's taste; give me those particulars with the day and the date together with the names of the persons present when the medicine operation was performed & with his also to whom what answer you should procure in the matter. The history of this fish that was hanging in the Court was sufficiently clear: why was it the person who sent you did not bring in your Art, the same is clear: Give me the information I have asked you for immediately, and keep back the fish in the mean time. —

You do not say if it was white fish or [illegible] fish &c.

Believe me with sincere respect and to your comfort & ease to remain yours by love by but simply Lizzy Darcy up of a thousand kisses Elizabeth Darcy kiss for me of the department with blessing Lizzy to fish for a year from the person so offending. — —

Please not yet receive an answer to my letter until day or the 3rd. altho' by the 12th of September last...

I am glad to know you are [illegible] have got so many pounds and shillings with I hope you will all very prosperous and happy. I give by these [illegible] the [illegible] of Jealousy & have again to Mama from Elizabeth —

I suppose the Fish the occasion to fish in the River of an [illegible] but fishing must be stopped and [illegible]

Notice to the Magna Tithe...

The town or Tithing is summoned to the Magna Court at the Town of Magna the first day for the Tithing must be one chief Magna — that part of Salt Lake County of Tooele Stephenson Jacobs —

The case on appointment entered into between you and I. and must be more strictly kept and adhered to.

This Tithing Common may be dispensed with by Stephenson Tithe Collector Tithing Clerk or Tithing Magna provided you do not do any contrary to the above —

Yours

Tithing Clerk
of Salt Lake Co.

Tithing Magna

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may be legally served on or the house being your by you — or the other who may have a house & yard — that may please put up the notice Notice on the out of the house last known —

I am not positive when I may be down again but will have regard to the notice and give time —

Yours truly

Stephenson

Tithe Collector
Tooele

Tithing Clerk
Salt Lake Co.

Magna

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Private. Quite.

My dear Sir.—

I am just in receipt of yours of the 6th inst. enclosing me a draft of £2.0.0 to apply on account Linnen, which will be attended to.—

Regret I am just unable to say, that the Rent belonging to our Gibraltar property, and in our possession of the A. de Quiroga, late Governor of Tobago — and reported by him to the Trustees of our Creditors some time back, long since, as we stated the 18th of March 1811, when he was leaving for this Island, But Rumour, & the Light House Keeper at this is evident, hence our pause.—

I will thank you to acknowledge this, to me immediately, and state if with your own possession, regarding the particulars to me at once, for the information of the Commissioners of Tobago.—

Also as regards the application of James Hill, for the sum of £2. I know nothing about the transaction, and I will not take note of any of these swindling transactions of Mr. Hughes or any other one; no matter who he may be, do you know any thing about this! if he pleases to put in our particulars at once!!.

I remain, and will not take any more part in any thing in which Mr. Hughes is concerned. My opinion of him for the past year, is no secret, that you only know, when it will be to my escape of yourself, in the whole dealings of your estate.—

I shall I may say, that if nothing happens. I will leave here on next Monday morning, and with you on visit. Yours Truly & I. Pinto.—

You can manage to meet me there, about 12. Noon.—

Mr Whitcher is home again at Ottawa. your Manitoba.—

I have no other News to impart at present: and believe me.—

Yours Sincerely.—
J. Wilkes.—
P. Cameron.
Hamilton. Ont.
7. Oct. 1851.

Evan Bowes Esqre
&c. &c. &c.
Port Royal.

of the Select.

I do the 17th of September last I wrote you a Letter from Ottawa. you duly have written to your friends but as you have omitted to do this, you Longhurst.

Since you left me at Longhurst the Returns of the County for the Election, and the Votes which my friends obtained at the Polls:—

I have a letter from Andrew Drummond from Ottawa! Which it would appear that Mr Drummond was elected M. P. P. for the County of Carleton, that Mr Bell Esq. of Ottawa was defeated, and on this the petitioning the Agreement, I write you by the Mail. Yours truly.

Wm. Wilkes. Esq. (
Montgomery

Hyderabad Residency
1st October 1821

My dear Sir,

If anything happens to prevent it, you may expect to meet me at Nelli's Dominion Hotel on Monday next, immediately after the first train from Hamilton, arrives at that Town.

Until then with due respect.

I am,
Your truly,
J. Livingston
Military Secretary
Hamilton, Ont.
1. October 1821.

Lt. Col. Lewis Cliff
Aide de Camp U. S. N.
Lincoln, Ont.

Hyderabad Residency
1st October 1821

My dear Sir,

While you are there, at the next meeting of Council, at Nelli's Hotel, Old Town, after the first passenger train from Hamilton arrives...

I want to hear up to Monday first, perhaps you have got answers and come up then with me...

I am,
Your truly,
J. Livingston
Military Secretary
Hamilton, Ont.
1. October 1821.

Lt. Col. Lewis Cliff
Aide de Camp
Lincoln, Ont.

Hamilton, Ontario.
9. October 1844.

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant, inquiring me: "Whether I am the proper person to whom application for a fishing license which was granted up to the 7th of February 1844."

In reply to which I beg to inform you that on receiving the sum of £2 10s. on the 7th of February 1844, from the late Mr. Smith, for a license to fish in this Bay, I gave him a license to fish in the Bay, as also this year, at present; supposing, consequently, was obtaining the license you were after by you the fishing superintendent Mr. Young, and to be given to him for the current year of 1844. This year will give the upper fishing part of the bay.

The license expires on the 31st day of December, in each year.

Hamilton, Ontario.
9. October 1844.

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your application for a fishing license in front or Hamilton Bay, for a period of two years from date.

In reply I beg to inform you that it is entirely out of my power to do so, as the fishing privileges in these Bays and waters are disposed of by the Fisheries superintendent, Mr. Young, last spring, for all time to come.

That being the case, we cannot fly in the face of the constituted authorities, but as loyal subjects we must bow with submission.

With kind regards.

I am.
Yours truly
W. Kirkpatrick

Mr. Wm. Montgomery.
110. Front St.
Toronto.

But in this case, I should suppose the license expired at the Grobb's demise.—
However! I may tell you, that the 20. Mile pond, is only a spring fishing pond, and was only fished by the Grobb, during the spring of each year, say up to the 15th of April.—

You say! I suppose we have a right to relet his fishing grounds to other party, for expiration of the rent is "paid".— In reply to this I should say No!. The licensees of fisheries themselves have no power under their licenses to sub-let; without the sanction of the Register of fisheries.— Hence you have no power to sublet in this case.—

Again, you say: "Can we obtain Licenses again for the following years".—

In answer to this, I may tell you, I am at this remote day from the year 1882, unable to answer

your question.—
I may here also state for your information, that on the 15th day of May last, I sent forward by Express to the Fisheries department, Ottawa, for the late Abraham H. Grobb, executor, one application for the Rent Licence for the fish Nets in Lake Ontario for year 1886.— On receipt of this Licence, I forwarded the same to the late Abraham H. Grobb.—
Trusting me with the request
I am Obedient Servant
[illegible]
Riley

W. B. Richardson Esq.
Inspector.—
In the Estate of the late
Abraham H. Grobb.—
Jordan, Ont.

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points!

My dear Dick.—

I have just had a letter from Mr. W. A. Richardson of Lon-
don. Trustee of the Estate of the late
Abraham H. Gould, inviting to know
if he would subscribe the Liberty points
in the 20 Mile. points, for the laudable
purpose of Gould's heirs.— they
expect some gift!— as he has no
doubt over it, and I promised the
Lions explore at Gould's death.—

Now Mr. R.— wishes to know if
they could have a Lecture for your
1000, R. R. to which I replied, as my
dear Dick was worth I should not
answer his question.—

I want you to keep— look out for
me over the 20 Mile. points, and if
any one charges to Gould Heirs—
then if any person has had
the Lecture, name your price—

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price of the 20 points— Just take their
names with any and date for me.—
A Mr. Richards Rich was his brother,
who lives in the Village of Jordan, and
who was first and Epitaph, some to
Hamilton some Weeks ago, and thought
certain persons have tried to influence him,
to listen to them the 20 Mile. points.
and they are wishful none they
have got it.— I suppose it is for these
people Richardson wants it.—
Now Dick, my dear fellow, they
can never get it, with my consent!—
Now it is, you must have your
Mum thank you Dear Dick.—
Am relying upon your influence
faithfully &c—. Believe me—
Yours sincerely,
[illegible]
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[illegible]

Hamilton. Cots.
19. December 1834.

My dear Mr. Elliot.

I send you herewith, on account of my Verbal agreement with Mr. Andrew Heron of Toronto, on the Old Ferry House, and 1½ acres of land at the Town of Niagara: the sum of twenty five dollars, which you will please hand over to the old Gentleman from me. —

I will give you twenty five dollars more, after New years, for Mr. Heron; — but I wish you to tell Mr. Heron, that whenever he carries out his agreement with me, about the lot, 1½ acres, and premises, I am prepared to fulfil my part of the agreement to the letter. —

I am, Yours Sincerely.
John Wilson. —
Sidney Cameron.

Mr. Hon: Elliot.
Agent for
Andrew Heron Esq.
Niagara. —

Hamilton Cots.
19. October 1834.

Sidney 6d.
Telegraphs 6d.
Postage Niagara & Post office
order 6d. —

Mailed the following three Letters
Mylius this day, to the Addressees. —

1. Mr. J. Wylie, Hamilton Canada. —
2. " Thomas Mansfield, " do. —
3. " David and Wm. Wood, Niagara.
4. " Charles Ritchie, " do. —
5. " Richard Allen, " do. —
6. " Thomas Ellis, Grantham. —
7. " Francis Polkinhorn, Port Dalhousie —
8. " Hugh Gabriel, do. do. —

by mail.
John Wilson.
Sidney Cameron.

Fisheries Overseers Office.
Hamilton. 18. October 1881.

Sir

I have the honor to send you Bank draft No: for the sum of Eight dollars $\frac{00}{100}$ cents.

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows:
For this current year. K. K.

1. John Wadsworth, Inverston. Balance of License for to fish a Gasoline in the Niagara, on Lot 17. already received and delivered. License for 6. balance in full. 1.00.

2. Lakeshore Wigle. Manufacturer Bay: For a Boat license to fish 400. yards of White fish gill nets in Lake Ontario, at Short point, township of Pickering during the current year, 3 sticks out. "Please send me license" 1.00.

3. George Nelson, Charlottesville. For Boat license, to fish 100. Hooks on line in the Queen Bay. at Turkey point, Lake Erie, during current year. - 60.

4. Wm Nelson, Charlottesville, For Boat license, to fish 200. Hooks on line in the Queen Bay at Turkey point in Lake Erie, during current year. - 1.00.

Please send me license, I am yrs. -

5. Charles Shaw. Turkey point. For license to Open fish in the Queen Bay of Lake Erie at Turkey point, between the 15th November 1881. - and the 15th day of April 1882. - 1.00.

6. Thomas Ross, Wainfleet. do. do. do. 1.00.

7. John A. Fish. do. do. do. do. 1.00.

Total. - $3.50

Will you be pleased to send me, Ten Hundred Ale K. Opening Licenses, I will soon require this number for Bay. on Turkey point" and with yours for mission I will fill up Licenses 5. 6. and 7. myself. - W.D. Wilkie Esq. I have the honor to be,
Commissioner of Fisheries. Your obedient Servant
Ottawa. - -
John W. Kerr -
Fishery Overseer.

Mining Recorder's Office,
Hamilton, 18th October 1866.

Sir,

I have the honor to report for your information that I have just got home from the Big Creek Diggings, the Canoe that Jackson started from.

All men employed on that part of the Creek are doing well, they appear to be making from 2 to 3 ounces of Gold per day, except Mr. J. W. Barnett, whom nothing can satisfy for long as I am credibly informed.

On Canoe Creek, Jackson and Stevens, Gabbett and party are doing well, averaging 12 ounces of Gold per day, and four ounces of Gabbett each. Last Sunday Jackson and party washed 30 ounces. Among them all 12 ounces of Gold, and Gabbett and Stevens finished up for themselves, and then finished for Jackson & party, they 4 ounces of Gabbett each; and ounces of Gold the amount paid for an Ounce £3. ounces of 950 of fine Gold.

I may here report for your information, that people have been flocking, like sheep together at the mouth of this Canoe for fifty days, which more practical than by you, in which I fail to perceive, which fact recently, they have only discovered the Gold themselves, they have paid Miners Fees for 4 months, 7 M., which I have thereby lost you.

My Stevens informed me Saturday last, before I left there, that he would pay me for the 8 pounds Gold you may remain found in my hut with; that I remember it, subject to your approval, at the amount value of £30. sterling. - By the amount of Gold brought by him I am to see his, you will please remember, that this was worth of Gold, which they report of the amount Miners Fees.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
Warden. -

Mr. John D. Macklenzie, when I met at Ft. Benton, on the Evening of June, in my return from Helena; informed me, that Doctor Steward, with whom he had since that day, been residing with me, at a rapid pace, employing his time in many alterations in the fictions I had made to many statements in the publication of Mr. John D. Macklenzie, I made with such Surprise of me to you. —

I will first request for your information and that of others, that no change of any kind whatever has been made. I have changed any of your statements; but I have made my own statements, as I have made my own statements.

It is true you have frankly given me your Note of 9th. October, for such sums that might from time to time, as I have I presume, that Doctor Steward should - ought to, during my absence, Purchase what Goods I had left, on St. St. Louis - you 9th. Nov. for such sums as this gate; same as they might for such sums as I had left; and they are there for by your order, and have been so without a contradiction. — I must see why it is, Doctor Steward should by any such means pass the grave and effect of your Note, when on his journey, and all the other powers this gentleman, with whom I am on good terms pass your authority over that Goods. —

Now since you appointed me to transact business, not in any manner that you or I, in the discharge of my duty, I have taken, which to me going, was agreed on above terms. —

I never intended, that I should please Doctor Steward, nor Mr. J. Cunningham, who made further purchases with Mr. Steward at Ft. Union, such as I considered the Doctor on private matters; but recently, I learn the Doctor

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Fishery Commrs Office ..
Hamilton, 15. October 1884. -

Sir

I have the regret, that since my return from Port Dover, on Wednesday last, I have been confined to a bed of sickness with pleurisy & Diarrhoea, the effects of which I have still upon me. I have therefore not been able to attend to the duties of my office, relative to the disposition of white fish caught in the Lake Erie Nets &c, nor since to Lake Erie, during these seven days past. But the 14th & the 15th of November next. - -

The above seven day white fish, is to be over only about ninety days) while the Lake after fishermen will be at liberty to catch white fish in their proper limits about the middle of this month (October) I mean to be in the position to what charges to be made those white fish, who caught in the first month of their proper limits, during that white fish above seven days. I may then tell you, and I intend it for fact, that last year one fisherman, this year who had been fished in Lake Erie, Buffalo district; no matter what my instructions may have required to you, to the contrary; white fish have been fished out of the lake, during above seven days, to the prejudice, and during one fishery on other, during white fish and [illegible] & Dealers and others, have been in charge of this work as they are made at their proper and Season.

Now! when an opportunity has occurred with these fishermen above ... I explain the reasons to them above white fish this season; and explain of fishing above seven days. I accordingly received from you and distributed; and that according to above Orders of Issues, I made such others with of a white fish

Inspector of Fisheries,
Hamilton. -

Sheriff's Crown Office.—
Hamilton. 18. October 1844.—

Sir.

I have the Honor to apply to you for 2. Small Crown Memorandum Books, for entering of my returns of Jail and Gaol limits in my Division for the current year.— I will be required them, and to apply for them beforehand.

I have also the honor to apply for a supply of Blank Subpoenas, Summonses, Summonses, and Subpoenas.— I may soon want them!..

And with due respect.—

I have the Honor to be,
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
W. H. Wilkes
Sheriff

W. H. Wilkes Esqre
Secretary of Sheriffs.
Toronto.

Fishery Commissioners Office.
Hamilton 1st October 1864.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that more salmon large and small, have been caught in the waters of this district during this season, than ever were caught in any former year.

In the Bay of Quinte approaching near the Gunnels, they might sometimes be secured to the extent of Barrels in the Spring Fishery, and such fishing is now prohibited by law, but such fishing of late years has been totally abandoned by those who formerly pursued it.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient humble
Servant
Fishery Overseer

Fishery Overseers Office.
Dundee 17th October 1864.

Sir

I have the honor to report that herring are apparently on the decrease in Lake Ontario, more especially on Burlington Beach.

In consequence of this falling off in the fisheries for I have the honor to recommend that no more spearing for Herring be permitted in the open waters of Burlington Bay, with Jack Light, during the spawning season.

That all spearing be dispensed with in the Bay from the 1st Sept. to the 15th November by the Superintendent.

I recommend the matter for your consideration and approval.

If heavy rains and stormy weather prevail about the 10th or 15th of November next, there would be no necessity for your order. But I conceive it as much better to have this order direct from you, and the reason why it is issued. I am with due respect

I have the Honor &c.
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
W. B. White
Fishery Overseer

W. F. White Esqr.
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa.

Hamilton, Ontario.

My dear Mansfield,—

Your letter has been duly received, and when I come down which will be shortly I will explain everything to you about Round Stats, and where you can procure one.—

I send you Sub: Wights licence please hand it to him.—

You and he can fish up on the 1st inst of November, and set out again on the 10th inst of November;— the public Notice I sent you heads from the 1st inst to the 10th inst of November.— say from 12 o'clock, on night of 1st inst until 12 o'clock on the night of the 9th inst of November—

Send with kind regards — believe me, as usual, Yours Sincerely.—

Hamilton, Ont. (
19. October 1881. Esq

J. W. Kerr.—
Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton, Ontario.
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My dear Sir

I duly received your letters and Money, and sent it forward, but I am waiting for blank Spearing licences, and Blank Summonses, &c. &c. &c. for you, when I will write you fully.—

I send you George Nelson, and Asa Nelsons Licenses of Turkey point, for fishing Hooks and Lines, you need not deliver these until you receive from me all the others.— I hope you have success in obtaining the Government Boat, if you get it, it will be a big feather in your Cap.— Send with warm regards for your success!— believe me —

Yours Sincerely.—
J. W. Kerr.—

Dear Owners Esqs
Fishery Guardians.—
Port Royal.

Fishery Overseer.
19. Oct: 1881.

Private, Confidential, and very Secret!

My dear Jim.-

You must be very
careful, or not you your friends be
any power about you being found.- or
what grounds you have application for.- or
do any one you would like me,
give a strong ground to, or not very
friendly to you.- I have two more
applications for a license more, Enclosed
application at Niagara, since I came
here; as you cannot make be careful,-
as matter you are my Confidential Friend
you friends; a close friend always a true
friend.- I will have to be the last I have
to wrong the Jailors at Niagara, so
that you may get yours.- Do not make
Mistakes slip of yourself.- Excuse K.
And with kind regards to you
and Mrs. Robins am Yours &c.
Hamilton, Ont.
20. Oct. 1881. 9

My dear Jim.- Call Robins made me
today a plan of that piece of land at
the 2, I would be down to night by the
7.30. p.m. train.-
We is this the License Meeting
who applies for a license to Jail Keeper
on Lines in the Niagara River, he can
have a license until the end of this year,
for $1.00 dollar. for to Jail 200 chords
from the Summers down, and not in
the Lake, many from Living quarters.
And as the commencement of the year
this license can be issued, till then
be.- Yours K.
Jailor.-
Ridley Grange
Hamilton, Ont.
20. Oct. 1881. 2

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Hamilton, Ontario. —
20. October 1881. —

My dear Allen. —

After the conversation I had with you and Jackson, Moore, Rusling and La Rose, found that work-ing fishermen in Lake Erie and Norfolk Division; — on tuesday the 11th instant, I wrote the Commissioner a letter dated 15th instant, a copy herewith for your own perusal, and that of Messrs Rusling Jackson and La Rose, for whose in-formation and the men employed in the Preserves I send it as mine, to whom you will please hand it. —

Everything I report I wish you peo-ple to know as well as myself. —

I also send you a copy of the answer I got from the minister to this report of mine, and this you will please also hand to the fishermen (employed) concerned as above. —

And I also send you a copy of the Fisheries act so that you may read Section 11. of the Fisheries act. — See page 7. — And be pleased to govern yourselves accordingly. — —

I have had no complaints made to me, as against any fishermen actively employed, for any contravention of the fish-eries act; — what pleases me much more than I can describe it to you. —

I hope you will be all pleased at your success when the season ends. —

I put on Bot No. 4. in your absence. After I left Dover, for I dont want any one to say if you use any power this fishermen. —

And I will recommend no — for — fish-ing license except George Desmond, but they might all do so. — If any person ask you Bob Nets, please advise me. —

Yours fraternally.

Copy. —

Department of Marine and Fisheries, —
Fisheries Branch, —
Ottawa, 17th October 1881. —

Sir,

In connection with the advice sought in your letter of the 15th instant, respecting white fish in ponds during the close season, I am to remark that, if such fish are essentially caught when the traps are set from fish for drying, nets, &c., &c., the simplest way to practically comply with the law is to block them when it is possible, or else to propose to place the ponds under provisions by Section 11. of the Fisheries Act. —

I am Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
L. O. Armand
for Commissioner of Fisheries. —

J. A. Wm. Esq.
Hamilton
Ont.

Copy.

Colony Secretary's Office,
Hamilton, 15th October 1864.

Sir,

I have to request that you will inform the Revd. Mr. Chapman that I have been waiting over a month for the Native Census Returns, but I cannot delay any longer, and must therefore request that he will forward them to me without further delay.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
[illegible]
Secretary for Native Affairs.
Hamilton.

Quebec

J. Hamilton, Esq.
Aug. 6th 1841.

My dear Mr. Hamilton.-

I have received both your letters and enclosures.- I have drawn your bill at 6/ sterling for £1000 and have given Mr. Gugy a letter to Messrs Baring Bros & Co. requesting that when I receive at 3 P.M. I may draw for the sum of £1000 sterling and I have also requested Mr. Gugy to call upon Messrs Baring Bros & Co. and ascertain whether they have received any letter from Mr. Hamilton, and I have also requested Messrs Baring Bros & Co. to inform me whether they have received any letter from Mr. Hamilton; and I have officially reported the same to the Colonial Secretary at Montreal.

Doctor Gugy is also a Legislative Councillor, and has offered his services as Arbitrator to the Bishop.-

At this stage of the proceedings the Bishop says will not interfere. I will be a witness in the case.-

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I have to see you on Monday last. Before you were away from home. I think of your letter, but I was the sick we not able to go up to your place in the city, and going I might get over & get your letter on Tuesday morning. I am — C. Pte you.- I am going to Montreal and I will give him a power of Attorney to act for me in the Bishop's affair. It is my intention to stay there a week or ten days. I write this letter to you as a thing of course, but I hope to be able to do by travelling either Saturday or Monday next.- And while it is very desirable for me to be upon the spot if anything should be done, yet I believe it will be the same as much in your political interest as it will be for his private gain.-

When I may tell you the Letters and the Gazette of your Lordships various supplies are discontinued, you will have

to see them on such things now.— the first opportunity offers, which with I hope shortly, you may rely upon me I will not neglect to speak to them in your behalf.— I am not offered to hear any of your late votes; besides we must get all the Ministers for Yorkshire; and when Charles is up— he may stay at home in St. Stephens I believe Sir Rowland Hayward will be with you, he has many friends & Interest in Yorkshire, & a share of property he recently purchased, & your Nephew Sir Walter Smith. When you write Sir Henry Hoppner I hope he stopped home out this at my request, and I hope then of his sons who never voted before.—

I am sorry the state of my Eyes that Mr Wilberforce has written home to Hanover, for absolutely, please excuse this— this again with my best respects. Mrs Perry & Mr. Arnold has never left my thoughts more of her business while

Mr Sellis of St Andrews has been to Mr. Arnold, enquire into the matter and has reported favorable.— — —

But now what do you think Sir Walter has— that if he was his wife, this Parliament we must be with, he will to get a Writ for you— Sir Walter is very much set on this with the help of Mr Arnold, I hope.— I have the many opportunity to serve me in friendly subject with your Constituents it will never leave you in the detention of your many friends and supporters I do so; for he assures the people like it,— as all like it— and they will feel just as much pleased as I did;— when you introduced me to His Lordship Bishop Sutton at the Banquet.— Pardon me for trespassing at such length upon your time and patience.— and believe me with profound respect and warm esteem.— Your warm supporter, J. B. Morrit Lieutenant of Yorkshire.—

Hamilton, Ont.
20. October 1851.—

My dear Bolton.

I regret not seeing you on Saturday last. I was very busy all day writing.— However I told Mr. Tisdale about Mr. Cook's statement to you of what Cook said to him about your having the land.— I told Mr. Tisdale to send for you, and you would contradict it, and I know you have done so in your affidavit, and so will I.— (Sheriff of County.)

It is astonishing to me such double dealing. I am satisfied we will beat the Rev: Adam. I have had a very strong card to the post since I saw you Mr. J. B. Church &c. &c.— about your suit and while I have with a stronger one to the Dominion department Ottawa, laid before them last week.— Believe me

Yours Sincerely.
J. W. Keefer.
Deputy Surveyor.

My dear Bolton,
Niagara.

Hamilton, Ont.
29. October 1851.

My dear Keefer.—

I have the
honor to acknowledge the receipt of
your favor of the 17th instant,
[illegible] inst. of County roll.
[illegible] apply on the several grounds
[illegible] for the several sections.
I will send the deeds on Tuesday
to the Dominion department Ottawa,
apply over for Crown—
I [illegible] Mr. [illegible]
Clerk some letters which he will send
for you on Thursday next while
[illegible] I thank you on behalf [illegible]
[illegible] Dominion for your [illegible]
[illegible] will [illegible] for your
[illegible] and business in [illegible]
[illegible]

Yours Sincerely.
[illegible]
[illegible]
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[illegible]

Duplicate.

Victory Custom Office
Quebec 21st October 1813

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Board of Customs, that I have received a letter from Messrs. Forsyth Richardson & Co. of Montreal, dated the 19th Instant, requesting that the Brig Lord Nelson, Thomas Gillmore Master, may be allowed to proceed to the Island of Jersey with a cargo of Flour, Pot & Pearl Ashes, Staves, Heading & Hoops, the property of the said Merchants, and I beg leave to refer their Lordships to my letter of the 15th Instant, relative to the Brig Lord Nelson, and to the Order of Council of the 26th July last, by which I am directed to grant Clearances for Vessels bound to Great Britain, Ireland or the Islands of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney or Man, with Flour, Pot & Pearl Ashes, Staves, Heading & Hoops, the property of His Majesty's Subjects, and I am to request their Lordships will be pleased to signify to me, whether the Brig Lord Nelson is to be considered as coming within the meaning of the above Order of Council, or whether I am to grant a Clearance for her to proceed to Jersey with the above Articles.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
Jno. Mure

Wm. Dickinson Esqr.
&c. &c. &c.

Copy.

Niagara.

Dear Mr. Hall. October 19. 1814.

I regret to learn that you are in Niagara on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, and that I cannot see you. I must be at Niagara on Saturday, and have had the same day by Lewis, I was at home on Sunday, and went to Toronto and back on Monday. -

I desire specially to see you in regard to the Hawks suit against Burton, and to ask whether it is the intention of the Government to give that him in his defence, and to see him harmless in regard to the costs which the case is entitled for against him. -

It is quite clear that if he gains the suit, he is able merely the Lessee or wife of the Government, and that the question is not as to his right but as to that of the Government to the slave, and to the fishing, because the fishing as I understand must carry with it the right to have the fish. - If the Government makes no such claim, it is clear that Burton cannot make it, and it is only just to him, that he be told so. - only how he stands in order that he may not be troubled with heavy expenses through any want of information as to the best course. -

Pardon me for interfering in this affair, in which I do not for a moment suppose that you will allow him to get into a false position, but as a slavery suit is a formidable business, and no one should be involved in one unless he knows exactly on what ground he stands, if he can avoid it. -

Yours very truly,
D. B. Hall,

Hamilton, Ont.
21. Oct. 1881.

"My dear Mr. Blank.—

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, and I am exceedingly glad indeed that you have written me such a letter, to make them up at Ottawa. I forwarded to the department of Fisheries, a copy of your letter, and I attached the same to my report, copy sent herewith for your information.

I absolutely detest outside interference such as the present. Your Entirely.—

I agree with you in every thing that you have written me for doing by I thank you most kindly.—

Believe me, Yours very respectfully,
[illegible]—

J. G. Blank Esq.
M. P. P. M. P.
Niagara—

Hamilton!

Copy

Fishery Overseers office.
Hamilton 21. Oct. 1881.—

Sir.—

I have the honor to send you herewith, the copy of a letter under date 19. Inst. which I received from the J. G. Blank, M.P.P. for your perusal.—This letter has reference to a suit brought against the Corporation, a Licensed fisherman in this District at the Lower side pond, in the township of Niagara: by the Hon: Crown Lands of Ont.

I beg to refer you to my report of the 14. Inst: Ult, with copy of writ.—

In connection with Niagara &c. Inst: Ult.— a copy of the Crown Lands letter to the Solicitor, dated 15. September last.— also a memorandum from me, to the J. G. Blank, dated 21. Inst: Ult.—

You will please give me your opinion, this is me, that Gentleman is of the opinion that the expenses should be borne in equal proportion by the Crown Lands Department, and the Corporation of the Town, on which the Lands lie in this Suit.— &c.

I do not by any means wish the same liberty because we thought it were being made to the prejudice of the Colleges of the Land up to the light which from the written orders, or matter received upon by any other among the great to grow out to thanks. Any — Knowledge, and if the is possible to — without your taking Notice of it. You only know when it with me. —

I strongly recommend that the Order be under by the expenses in the — of this Colleges. — part of the Living parts is Necessary: and is one for this Looking for the Gates and more. —

And with the respect. —

I have the Honor to be,

Sir —

Your Humble Servant

Philip Cooper

P.S. This Week comes off on the 14th of March

Lee next.

Victory Insurance Office,
New York, 11. October 1861.

Sir,

I have the Honor to send you herewith, Bank Draft No. [illegible], for the sum of Fifty dollars.

I beg you to please to apply the same for the person as follows:

1. Miss [illegible] of the Town of Union, Plaintiff:

The sum of [illegible] to pay the [illegible] (one) with a single Case [illegible] for [illegible] with the matter of Libel [illegible] from the Court.

The Defence is also [illegible] of the matter of Libel, in favor of [illegible] in the Town of [illegible], in the County of Middletown; the Defendant is to pay costs.

You will please note that Union Case as the last was closed, which finding was not commenced until middle of September. I only received this Money the day before yesterday.

Trust with due respect.

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
[illegible]
Victory Insurance

W. H. Whitaker Esq.
Commissioner of Deeds.
Office.

Hamilton. Bath
22. Oct. 1884. –

Madam Sir,

I am in receipt of
yours of the 21st inst. – Evidently some
unprincipled person has been misleading
or attempting to mislead you. – –
At this present time Jane is not a mar-
ried lady, neither the elder, nor
the younger daughter, but they are
licenses any one of them up to the 31st
day of December next. – –
But with the licenses expire, and
a re-distribution of them granted
and approved of by the Colonial Go-
vernment, I make promise nothing. –
When I was last spoke to young
Martin, on Monday last, he wanted
a gamekeeper right away, – I like him I
had on his leaving ground, then expect
but after 31st of December, he could have
the ground as the fees were limited

to Allen: Well, I have already done as
also the other boys, applied for the
same grounds. –
Now this is the more shame on the
subject; Mister, when you apply to, ap-
plied for a ground; I have yet in
your application in writing. Beyond this
nothing more was said; I could do
for the majority of your applicants!!.
Now was nothing said about Bath. –
But Mister Tate was on Monday
night last heard him make the very
last of them amongst the following
thing was one of things, in which there
was not one particle of truth, for you as
I am personally and intimately con-
cerned, keeps yourself as one knows
my mind as the Rhigan Jealous. – –
Now I not thereby plunge myself a
fine, by write to you as in my former
for you; I have I not received a
worthless property, as it is I might be

Jackson Co. Ky.

Gentlemen,-

I have been informed this day that you have now put in two residence qualifications on record giving the same in the matter of both lots.-

The Lawyer for Dr. Shaw in residence proofs will be highly satisfied, as I have already explained to him.-

Will you be pleased to draw me this account, and I will remit the same to the Dickens Co. Kentucky and get up your Deeds.

I am Gentlemen,-

Your most respectfully

Dr. Wm. Shaw, Dickens, Ky.

Buckeye Register Co. Dec. 1866.

Chf Draw. Ky.

in a voting position to aid & assist you.- But no inducement or bribe can change me: all my family for ages past, have always been Democratic, and neither by word, act or deed shall I, or will I do anything to alter your position as Clerk, at present, and Candidate for re-Election in 1868.-

Respectfully, your Friend & Supporter,

J. W. Shaw

P.S. Please write me as I have already solicited myself in my letter to you of the 11th inst; Your warm supporter,-

J. W. Shaw

P.O.

J. A. Clark Esq.
Clk. Co. Ct. Va.
Madison

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Fisheries Overseers Office.-
Hamilton. 22nd October 1881.-

Sir.

I have the Honor to report in continuation of my former report, dated 1st of June 1881.- with reference to a petition from Mr. James Cantrell, an old fisherman, at the Town ville pond, in Lake Ontario, in the township of Niagara: To have his Seine hauling ground there, which he required to take out a license for, in the year 1879.- now released to him again; And that the hauling ground Mr. Cantrell now occupies next to it be given in exchange to Messrs. Richard Allen, and Robert John Allen;- who have occupied the ground respectively since the year 1879.- at a license fee of 10. dollars, each per year. - - -

At first appearance, when a person views the case, the application or petition of Cantrell, would appear to be ~~illegal~~ illegal at first sight; but taking all things into consideration, I believe Mr. Cantrell, should get this ground back again; and I beg most respectfully to recommend that you will be pleased to order the same being carried into effect from the 1st day of January 1882. at an advance of rent to $20. dollars, per next season; and which will be twice the amount paid as license fee, for this ground, this season. - -

Now in obedience to your order, I annex ~~the~~ a note to Mr. Richard Allen for one of the licenses; Copy is marked No: 1.- herewith: to which I annex his reply marked No: 2.- herewith. -

I may here take the liberty to report, that as to ~~the~~ power whatever has been exercised by the Messrs. Allen, in connection with Cantrells ground; beyond issuing a ~~license~~ permit granting a license, as the law said among for years, and a New Legal Centre. -

W. H. Whitcher Esqr.
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa. - - -

Lest there might be some truth in Richard Allens letter. I took Mr Thomas Elliot a disinterested Fisherman with me on the ground, and on examination we found no nets Jaste had been taken out of the ground by the Allens. — I find a temporary fishing shanty on the ground; which is used by them in Spring during the fishing season; the intrinsic value of which I should say was ten dollars, in all this I am corroborated by Mr Thomas Elliot.

On Monday last, the 17th instant, when at Niagara, I saw Messrs Richard and Robert John Allen — and I talked the matter over with them. — When they informed me, they wanted another ground west of that occupied by them at present, and they would put on another line and fish the two grounds. — Until this present matter is settled; I told them I could say nothing. — The ground they wanted is rented this year to Alexander Keith; and as he has not fished it, it was already promised to Messrs Thornton and Mackie, fish Mst — Fisherman — Niagara. —

But by your hastening the change to take place; the Messrs Allens getting Forbes ground; the ground fished this year, and for the previous two years by Cornwall, a second line having ground can be laid off for them; east of Forbes ground; and between Forbes and Wells ground; as I mentioned the Wells fished last year, making the fishing more advantageous for them; besides widening the space between them and Forbes ground; long to the extent of another line having ground.

It was fully evidenced, that Robert John Allen got possession of James Cornwalls ground in 1879. — for in the first place Allen, applies for the Forbes ground, then vacant; so that he has nothing to do with it, because he has had a better ground,

he never expected with three years good prospects and successful fishing. - His year the stock of skins divided 4 108 dollars with the Indians; Loss 4 516 dollars. one 4 618 dollars to the Indians. Total 4 1080 dollars. -

Which husbands take is under 4 500 dollars, with the addition of about four waggon loads of stones hauled in besides. -

The Indians are young active men. Husband is an old man upwards of 62 years of age, and decrepit in his legs and feet at that, as I told you so at Husbands request, and I see how husband that it is so. - - -

My reference to my reports to you dated 8th of May 1816. four Whigwas. and of the 9th of May 1816. and by these reports you will please find, that the Indians husband, has stood manfully forward, in support of our fishery laws, and opposed neither time nor pleasure in upholding these fishery laws. to some extent as you are hereby fully aware of this. - I see how no reason of these reports if you require them. -

Both husband, and his husband, his wife, where are sleep, wish to clear the ground has re- quested me to refer this matter to you in this behalf. - - That in strict Justice as between man and man I would recommend that the ground lies to you to Richard Allen for ever. to give back, and restore to James husband and his wife on the 8th January 1812, whilst the ground was held by the husband and wife and under cultivating ground. to give all the same title to Richard Allen & his posterity I only suggest in Justice to all. - and with due respect. I have the honor to be

Your Obedient Servant

John Wilkes

Esquire. -

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No: 9.

Copy. —

My dear Sir.

It appears Mrs. James Lawrence Smith, has petitioned the Hon: The Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa, to have his Seine Fishing ground near Grimsby given by you and your brother Mr. Robert John Allen, Viz: which will expire on 31st of December next, restored to him again after that date. — I am perplexed in this matter for his reasons are strong and cogent. —

I would like to hear from you on the subject, at the same time I beg to assure you, that if such a thing is agreed by the Minister, I shall recommend that the ground now occupied by Mr. Jackson, for his seine ground, shall be given to you, and I presume, if properly fished, and looked after by you, there is little or no difference between them. — However! whatever you have to say on the subject, send to me in writing, and believe me, —

Yours truly,
[illegible] —
Sidney Smith
Hamilton, Ont.
22. Sept: 1884. —

Mr. Richard Allen &c
Grimsby. —
Wingham, Ont.

Copy.— No: 2.

My Dear
Dear Sir.— Phigara, 5. September 1814.—
I received your letter, the copy of
Jacobs date, and your letter added still more to
my grief.—
You ask me to send you my reasons
why I am in regard to the danger of Hunting
Grounds possessed by us, and the Indians.— As
you know, the ground now occupied by us,
was abandoned by Jim.— I however the right
to leave and quit the same, which was a great
risk than in joining you, as I was sure to get
quit, as the Ind. we fought was rather.— The fear
I am in, the Ind. which as you know I am to
be absent for a longer mark.— The spring
before last was not favourable.— Last spring was
very good, and it seems I am that Jim should
now step in and take the ground.— The only
reason Jim (Cochrane) can give is that he should
the ground, but I think during the 2 years I have
been gone I have taken out as many Furs
as was to do.— I took the ground on good
faith, and have buildings on the same, and
have to ask me how up to the Indians as well
as I know how.—

I remain, Yours truly,
Robert Miller

P.S. This should be Sept. 5th
Phigara
Yours truly Miller!

Mr. Robert Jacobs Miller,
Red River Settlement, Hudson's Bay Territories.

Phigara, Sept. 5th 1814.

Dickey Brown & Co.
Hamilton, 11. October 1911.

Sir,

I have the honor to report, that Mr. J. A. Paul, P.L.S., for Niagara, has communicated to me, that his Indian guests in your employ are Hawks and Charlie, & that another Indian Indian guest in your Brothers.

To enable me to carry out the applications made by these persons in the year 1912, communicated to me by Mr. Paul.

I beg most respectfully to recommend that I be authorized to permit the division and subdivision of the Indian hunting grounds now open here for that purpose, situate between Beamsville & Niagara in the Town of Niagara, and Stephenson point in the township of Niagara.

Within this space all the grounds are laid off, and under lease for that purpose; but by a subdivision made, all persons now applying can be accommodated without materially interfering with present leases. And with due respect

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Duncan Campbell Scott,
Deputy Superintendent.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Monday –

Hamilton. Ont.
24. October 1881.

My dear Jem.

I received your letter to the Hon. the upper end of your present ground (South gate) and let me at once the distance down to the upper end of Butler ground; count by the Windsor station on the land. – – –

I give the Bike gate Mate about 400 yards – It and 4 miles up a steep road. –

Ada and Mrs. Rose with regard the last saturday night. – Ada I will thank you to let me know if Edith is any – any white girl. – and if Mrs. Rose regards the Kate, and self. Address me as usual. –

Yours &c.
Jas. Hamilton –
J. Hamilton

My dear Ramsay. – Will you be please to see me – enquire of the Editor, Lighty address, some that time for this usual room. –

I hope you do not mind to see – get the books through your report. – The apartment with the key – and diplomas with me, if you not buy me – me this money at once. –

I am,
Yours &c. &c.
J. Hamilton
Lighty Company
Hamilton. Ont
24. Oct 1881. –

J. W. Ramsay Esqr
Bank of Nova Scotia
Kingston. Ontario

Hamilton, Ontario.
24. October 1851.—

Sir,

I take the liberty of again in-forming you, that close season for white fish, and Salmon Trout this Fall, will be from the 1st to the 15th of November next, — as per public Notice herewith.—

Will you be pleased to give the neces-sary instructions to Station ——— Agents, Conductors, Baggage Men and other of-ficers of your well managed Company:— so that the Fisheries Act may still continue to be duly observed on their part.—

Dead in conclusion I have to thank you most kindly for what you have already done for me in the interest of the Fisheries.—

I am Sir.—

Your respectfully.

J. Broughton Esq.
Manager G.W.R.y.—
Hamilton.

Hamilton, Ont.
25. October 1851.—

Dear Sir.—

I am in receipt of your letter, you have left me in the dark as soon as you have taken the opinion. and if you need an additional fee, you may give it to me. I have taken what you [illegible] the price at the Lake and the Canal we must require this fee, as I suppose this will be satisfactory.—

I [illegible] you to get 25 dollars, you 25 dollars, and the [illegible] 50 dollars.—

I have not yet heard from [illegible] but if the fishes are in the Canal they will be protected, if there will be [illegible] in the [illegible] without [illegible] will see [illegible] on this, as soon as I [illegible]

Yours [illegible]

Hamilton, Ont.
26. Oct: 1881.

My dear Gordon,—

I am in receipt of your letter, and I wrote to you on yesterday. You men are going to very particular in not being willing to work for one dollar a night, that next year most likely there will be nothing at all allowed.— Or it may be given to one man who will have to do all the duty himself.—

If it such very hard work, why put on your son in law for half the Night, and Leamens for the other half of the Night.— and the man that goes on just one Night, is to go on at 12. o'clock, Midnight next night, and the man who goes on early, must be at his post before dark, and you will have to see them on, and off in the Morning; and see that they pay attention to their business.— If Salmon cannot get above the Railway Bridge

My dear E.

I have [illegible] of
days that your [illegible] have [illegible]
[illegible] have now [illegible] for when the
[illegible] days [illegible] [illegible] days..
I [illegible] the [illegible]
W. J. Gordon Esq.— your [illegible] and I
forwarded the same to the department,
and I got up this License for you.
I hope the fishing will be very
good this year.— and with the best
[illegible].— Believe me Yours Ever
J. [illegible]
J. Gordon
Hamilton Ont.
26 Oct: 1881.—

W. [illegible]
Merchant.
Lima Ont.

Hamilton, Ontario.
26. October 1881.

My dear Sir. -

In reference to my Note to you of the 19th instant, I have now the honor to send you the following Spearing Licenses ending the 14th day of April last, for immediate delivery. -

1. Charles Ferris, Charlottenville. -
2. John B. Fisk, Walsingham. -
3. Edward Price, do. —

I also send you!

1. Twelve Blank Complaints. -
2. Twelve Blank Summonses. -
3. Four Blank Commitments. -
4. Twelve Blank Convictions. -
5. Twelve Blank Subpoenas. —

I have only to take you, to consult Col: Playfair, J. P. - in all your cases. -

I only just got up the Blanks, near the close of the year of young Shaw

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Bridge. - Salmon will be sure to spawn at Gager Mills rapids. - so that from the Railway Bridge, to Gager Mills rapids a very good watch will have to be kept up. - and you will have to be sure particular this year, yourself, than ever you have been. - I don't think it necessary for to call on Mr. Fields. - he for to has proved himself a useless appendage to the Fisheries. - If he catches any persons fishing, and tells on them, he will be well paid; but I am informed so by as he receives of 20. - he only tell on one. - for about two years, my salary has never been raised; this I confess to do my duty as usual. - I don't ask more people who go in for gambling. But Gordon I depend upon you that he leaves or goes, that the duty shall be done! and believe me, - Yours truly.

John Gordon Esq
Deputy Guardian. E.

J. W. Stewart
Fishery Overseer.

who is a nice boy. Shea I may say. I did not apply for a spearing license for him until I see you again. — —

I have not had a solitary word from the Commissioner since his return from Manitoba. — Whenever I do, I shall not forget you. —

Leary and Andrew Nelson, Long point, have both sent in their Resignations which have been accepted, to leave on the 1st day of May next. — I saw Mr John J. MacKenzie, Secretary, Long Point, Boy. — the day after I met you at Turkey point, he told me all about it.

As soon as Hook and Gill Nets stop fishing; you will please go down to each, and ascertain from each person separately, the value of his Catch. How many Hooks or Lines he fished, this with the quantity and Kinds of fish Nets he took from

season, and their Market value — and if any of the fish caught were sold, state the locality. — Or if used for family use or home consumption. — I will want all this information correctly, so as to enable me to make out my Annual Returns; and at the same time take the authorities at Hamilton what my indefatigable Guards in Port Royal, has been doing. — —

If you want Blank forms, say so, and I will send you some for this important duty. — And remember each person, having a license must be distinct, and seperate. —

The same rule will apply to those persons, who have had a spearing license, say Commencing 1st of January last and ending 31st of December next. —

And with regard to spearing the ap=

Hamilton. Ont^{o}.
21. Octr. 1844.—

Dear Miss Ellen,

It has been communicated to me this day, that among the Clam caught upon your White fish. Bay: from 1st to the 10th day of November 1840.— you shipped by Railway several Barrels of White fish, the tops and bottoms of the Barrels being pickerel: please then as a Clue.— What say you to this Complaint made against you.—
Guilty, or Not Guilty?— —

Whether guilty or not guilty of the above: I hope nothing will induce you, to any such illegal practices, during the approaching close season.— Ask on the square, and believe me.—

Yours fraternally:—
John A. Ellis Esqre J.W.Kerr.
Hamilton. Oct. dear. Fishery Overseer.

14 of April next, Licence fee £1— and no matter what time it may be the remainder of a person to commence spearing, the Licence fee will be £1. payable in advance.— I have plenty of Blank Spearing Licences on hand for all persons who wish to avail themselves of the privilege.—

And now my dear friend, you will guide on receiving this little reminder, that you have to go your Summer rounds once more.— So plote it be!!!.—

Have you found the Boat.— Has G.L.R.— made that Stroyon yet, or what have you been.— And with my warm regards.— Believe me.

Yours fraternally.
J.W.Kerr.
Fishery Overseer.

Owen Bowes Esqre M.D.
J.P. Guardian:
Port Royal.

P.S. One more permit.— J.W.Kerr
F.O.
(L.)

Fishery Overseers Office.
Hamilton, 31st October 1881.

Sir,

I have the Honor to send you herewith, Bank draft No: 764, for the sum of Eighty dollars.

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows:- viz.

1.- Messrs. David Moore, and James W. Stewart of Port Dover, township of Woodhouse and County of Norfolk.

For a license to fish Two pounds Nets, only with single lead or pot each, and to extend into the waters of Lake Erie, One Hundred and eighty Rods, from the beach.- This license is also for that portion of the waters of Lake Erie, in front of Lots Nos. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15, and 16, in the township of Woodhouse, and County of Norfolk.

In the first place, these persons applied for a license to fish these pounds - which you granted, and it is dated 26th day of April 1881. It appears now, that instead of making preparation then; for to fish those 3 pounds; the same as the Other pounds that fishermen had done, by driving the piles, preparing the Nets. &c. they post-poned these essential things to the last moment I might almost call it.

And when I apply for $80. License fee, as above, for they, and I agreed amongst ourselves, that as they put in the pounds, they were to pay their license fee $40. dollars. for each pound, as fixed by you, and which I communicated to them by letter at the time. They now in obedience to my demand pay Eighty dollars, "under protest."- which Messrs. Allen & Boy.- Rusling & Boy - for W. B. Innis. Frank Jackson, and Messrs. Hoover and Boy;- have paid me.

W. F. Whitcher Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa.

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for the Fisheries department, if so, letters sent for
parents, they only succeeded to fail in the gaol. -

I sending for your perusal and information a
copy of Mr[illegible] letters and remarks. protest. I have
to report that I give nothing therein, that would cause
me to change my mind and recommend them
for arrangement to be specially made for the exclusive
benefit of Mr[illegible] planters and themselves. They must get
up early in the day, like the other poor Mr
fishermen; nor can they with any reason complain
to complain of; besides I have given them ample
opportunity to meet me over the fish, but these
two parents, before I officially address on them to
pay me the fifty dollars. - My report to you of
the 8th of October instant, with two charity letters
and documents you: that the 11 barrels of herring and
four barrels of roes are finished, caught by Mr
planters and themselves, in one of the boats, for which
I now apply for license, and pay for them the
licenses. - But as to the fish of these die it. -

I have the honor to submit a copy of letter
to me, from Mr planters and themselves, in the
matter; without further remark. -

And with due respect.

I have the Honor &c &c,

Sir. -

Your obedient servant

[illegible]

Fishery Inspector.

Ps I return the licenses for 2 parents. - please send licenses
for 2 parents. 16. of April 1900. - May I see the parents
on the spot, and in their presence? - and you might
reply to this letter of protest!! Signed off-shore, on
the parents ship. (2.)

Copy.

Dear Sir,— Port Dover, Oct. 21, 1886.—

I am requested by Dr. J. W. Stewart, and David Moore, comprising the Port Dover fishing and ferry-ing Co., of Port Dover, to inform you, that they are forging the Eighty dollars for two fyke nets under protest.—

You will see they have good cause for such a course; in the first place they have invested nearly one thousand dollars, which it is impossible for them to use as the weather has rendered it impossible to put the nets in the water, being unable to drive the stakes.—

They would pay the half rate willingly but consider it wrong to pay full fee for what is in reality a very great injustice to them as fishermen.—

You are probably not aware that the fishing season is a month later this year, and they are liable to be stopped by the warden at any time, since you were here, the fishing has dropped off, and does not pay expenses at the present time.—

Now if you will only give the matter your serious consideration, they think you can make such representation to the proper authorities that they will willingly withdraw their opposition by ordering the fines off.

Hoping to receive a favourable answer.—

I remain.—

Yours Respectfully.—

Dr. D. Whitehead.—

for Dr. Dover fishing and ferry. Co.—

J. W. Stewart Esq
D. Cameron,
Hamilton.

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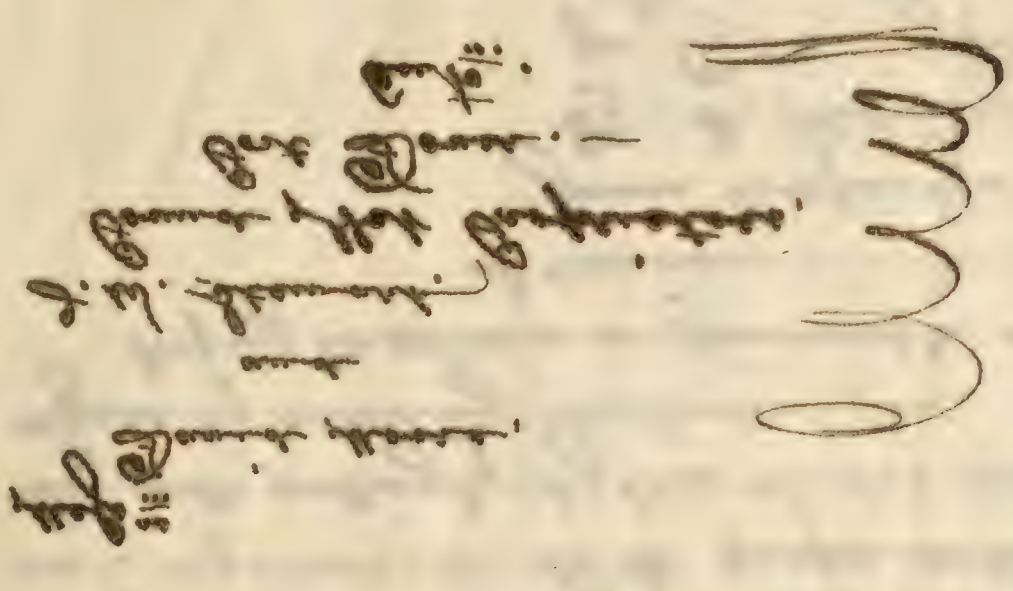
Gentlemen. — Hamilton, Ontario. —
I have been informed this day, that you have now put in two additional pounds; and that you are at present fishing the same in the waters of Lake Erie. —

The license fee for these two additional pounds, will be Eighty dollars, as I have already apprised you. —

Will you be pleased to send me this amount, and I will remit the same to the Fisheries department, apply for, and get up your license. —

I am, Gentlemen,
Yours respectfully. —
J. W. Kerr. —
Fishery Overseer.
22. Oct. 1881. —

Messrs
David Moore,
and
D. W. Stewart.
Canada Met Proprietors,
Port Dover. —
Ont.



My dear Sir Plumb.—

By the copy of my reply to my report of 21st instant, herewith, you will please give the Fisheries department, do not intend to enter into the litigation at present going on between Hon. Adam Brooks, and John Bolton.—

I am, with due respect,
Your Obedient Servant.
W. Wm. Kerr.
F. Carrier;
Hamilton.
31. Oct. 1884.

J. A. Plumb Esq.
Supt. Fr. Fr. Fr.
Niagara

Copy.—

Department of Marine and Fisheries.
Fisheries Branch.—

Sir, Ottawa, 26. October 1884.—

With reference to the documents which you transmit relative to the ownership of a piece of land in dispute between Hon. Adam Brooks, and John Bolton, at Niagara; I am to state that, having submitted the matter to the department of Justice, it appears that the Fisheries department is not interested in the litigation between those persons.— Mr. Brooks either has or has not a title to the land in question.—

By the copy of the Plaintiffs claim in the action, it is observed, that he only claims to the waters line of Lake Ontario; and it is difficult to understand what interest the Government can have in the result of the litigation.—

I am, Sir,— Fr. Fr.
J. W. Kerr, Esq.
Supt. Fr.

Mr. S. O. Dewart Q.C. M.P.

Hamilton, Ontario
Oct. 6th. 1874.

My dear Leary.—

I saw our mutual friend, Mr. John D. Mackenzie, at Port Dover on the 11th instant; and he gave me all particulars of a grand Deer, Bear, Hunt, and the sagacious ways of getting on deers throat, and all that happened at, and after the attempt was made by you.——

Mr. D. Mackenzie, also told me you were leaving Long point altogether for Manitoba, on 1st of next.—

Mr. Whitaker, has been up there recently, and has returned home again: a good chance for you to apply for, and get a position up there as Fishery Overseer. Write him! and on hearing from you, I will also write you!!.—

I suppose you recollect, I have not paid you a visit this season at Long point; and the fact is, I have nothing particular to bring me over there, except a friendly visit; the fact is I have been ailing and complaining all spring summer, up to a week ago, but I'm a— now mending again.—

How have you got on with my Fyke Net?—

And now for the Dream of this Note, Will you please send me a few pair of good ducks—Address them to the care of Mr. Thos: Dickens, Conductor, Hamilton and N. West. Railway, Port Dover and he will take them here to me without extra charge

And with my warm and kind regards to you and yours.—
Believe me, Yours fraternally.—

J. W. Kerr.—
Fishery Overseer

W. H. Leary Esq.
Fishery Overseer.
Long point.

Dunbar Ontario

My dear Sir

I am in receipt of your application of 10th of October inst. in which you say:- "I understand that there is two fishing stations not yet rented, one between Rankin point and Kennedy's Hollow, and the other between the Pot and the Queens "Royal Hotel".-

In reply I beg to inform you, that Messrs Thomas Reid, Thomas Reid and John Alford, of Prospect fishermen, at present hold under a Lease, all the water of the Prospect Reef, No. 5 between Rousseaus wharf and Kennedy's Hollow, for which they have paid $50 dollars, for year 1880.

There is only one Vacant fishing station between Rousseau's wharf and Stevenson's point; while I have 9 applicants for New and 18 applicants for New and Old stations.- I can promise nothing.- I cannot

promise a Station to any fellow, before it just becomes Vacant!- And at present the determination amongst licensed fishermen is to hold on firmly to what they have got.- A great disappointment no doubt it will be to so many fellow applicants.-

I cannot say what the Fisheries department may say, or do! when I make my official report, to have divide the present stations, and curtail the length of existing fishing stations.---

If New stations are established, I have only to say: I have not, and I will not promise this New station, or that New station to any one in particular, if any are established, I shall propose after 1st of January next, when our prices most, cash down! I will recommend for each New station; provided the same is established, by order from the Fisheries department.- I have no home Net, at present for Sale.- -

Hamilton, Ontario,

Gentlemen, -

I am in receipt of your letter of the 26th inst. of October last, together with the sum of Eighty dollars as Licence fee, for two additional pounds, which, you will please find sent to your address at Port Dover, by this days Mail. -

I may here mention for your information, that on the 31st day of October last, I sent a copy of your letter to the Fisheries department, at Ottawa, together with the Eighty dollars, Licence fee. -

I am, Gentlemen,
Yours obediently. -
John Wilson. -
Fishery Overseer,
Hamilton, Ont.
7. Nov: 1881.

Messrs Denis Bros
" Jos: W. Stewart,
Owners Net Fishermen,
Port Dover. -

I write to you thus more fully and lengthy in order that you may distinctly understand the true state of affairs as regards the many applicants for fishing grounds other than fishing grounds occupied by some old fishermen, for upwards of 16 years to my certain knowledge; and some fishermen have held them for 22 years under license; anatomy Big Jim;

What on earth has got into so many applicants for New fishing stations, at this particular time I am in the dark about just as the old saying is! (like a Protestant Bishop,)

And in conclusion believe me. -

Yours truly. -
John Wilson,
Fishery Overseer,

Mr John Harper. -
Care of
Mr James Lashwell,
Fisherman,
Niagara. -

Hamilton, Ontario,

Gentlemen:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 25th of October last, together with the sum of Eighty dollars as Chinese gas for the additional pamphlets, which you were please good enough to send to your address at Port Arthur, for this charge please.

I may here mention for your information, that on the 31st inst of October last, I sent a copy of your letter to the Printing department, at Ottawa, together with the Log slip attached, hoping same gave. —

I am, Gentlemen,
Yours truly, —
Thos. Mulvey.

The Printing Bureau, Ottawa.

Sept 1st 1881.

Gentlemen, —

I have to request that you will please send me, at your earliest convenience, a Log slip, for the amount of Chinese gas, for the additional pamphlets, which you were please good enough to send to my address at Port Arthur, for this charge please.

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The Printing Bureau, Ottawa.

Sept 1st 1881.

Fishery Overseers Office. -
Hamilton. 5. November 1861. - -

Sir,

In obedience to your instructions to me dated the 25th ult of October last, I have now the honor to send you, sKetch, shewing the fishing Stations in the Town. and Township of Niagara, as at present occupied, during this current season, and Names of occupants, and amount of License fee paid by each, during the year 1861. -

No: 1. - A New Seine hauling ground in the Niagara River, extending from the Ged Ferry, to the slip or wharf, it has never been licensed to any Fisherman. - It is now submitted for your consideration, and I recommend the same may be rented as a Seine hauling ground during the year 1862. - see sKetch.

No: 2. - Comprises the Wharfs in the Niagara River, Consequently is no Seine hauling ground. - - - do.

No: 3. 4. 5. 6. and 7. - Is at present licensed to, and occupied by Messrs Thomas Elliot, Thomas Ellis, and John Defford: Licence fee paid for 1861. - of 30. dollars. -

No: 3. and No: 6, are alone fished upon; No: 4. is a good Seine hauling ground, but it has not been fished for a great many years; No: 5. is not a Seining ground; being covered with rocks and large stones, besides it is very shallow. - And entirely unsuited for Seine fishing. - - No: 6. - is a spring Seining ground. - No: 3. is a spring and fall Seining ground. - And No: 4 can be converted into the same. - No: 7. If cleared of rocks and stones, would make a good Seine hauling ground. - - Mr Elliot claims the privilege of continuing to occupy all those grounds, at an advance in the licence fee for Stations Nos: 4. and 7. - He has occupied one of them, under licence, since the year 1861.

To. W. F. Whitcher Esqre.
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa. - - 11.1

I recommend ;No: 4, and ;No: 7.- to be set apart as ;New Levis hauling grounds; Keeping in view ;Mr. Hos: Lewis's interest in the premises. - -

No: 8. You will please find is licensed this year to ;Mr. Albert Dancy, at ;$5, dollars. - He has commenced to clear the ground of large stones.- He has not however fished on it yet!. -

;No: 9.- Is a ;New ground, I recommend it, as such for your consideration. - -

;No: 10. - Is licensed this year to James Cantwell and wife; he has been clearing it of stones, and he has also fished and caught some White fish thereon. - - It is rented for ;$10,- this year. - - "In possession 2. years." -

;No: 11. Is occupied by ;Mr. John Bolton, and has been in his possession since the year 1860, under a license, this is a splendid ground; and is always well fished, he pays ;$15. dollars, license fee, this year. - But next year, I shall recommend that his license fee be ;$20. -

;No: 12. - Is occupied by ;Messrs. Albert and Charles Berry they rented ground, and cleared it of stone, the license fee, this year was ;$10. dollars. - - They have agreed to pay ;$15. dollars, license fee, for year 1882. -

These two cases, are submitted for your consideration.

;No: 13. Is a ;New Ground. - which I respectfully recommend may be sanctioned by you as such. -

;No: 14, At present licensed to James Cantwell and wife, at ;$10. dollars, for this current year. - ;No: 13. and ;No: 14, I recommended may be given next year, to Richard Allan, and Brother, as they are applicants for the grounds next year. - And ;No: 15, now occupied by Richard Allan. Brother, at ;$10. dollars, might be restored to Cantwell and wife, at advance in the annual rent, say ;$25. or ;$30. dollars, as may be agreed upon. - Subject to your approval. - -

;No: 16. Is held under license this year, by Richard

Allen, and Rentles. at ₤15. dollars for the season.—
No: 16. Is licensed this year, to Alexander Keith, for
the sum of ₤5. five dollars.— He was to have cleared
the ground, and procured a New Lease, and fish
there.— But he has not done any thing of the Kind.—
And I feel satisfied now, he will never fish the
ground.— Therefore next year, I appraised No: 16.
will be vacant. so far as pltff Alexander Keith, is
concerned.———

No: 17. Is a New ground, and I respectfully
recommend, that you will be pleased to establish
the same as such.———

As regards some of the applicants for New
Lease fishing grounds. I have little faith in them.—
Some of them having gone to considerable expense
this year, in procuring Fish Nets, and a New Boat;
got tired of a fishermans life, and sold all at a
great sacrifice.—

I beg most respectfully to say in conclusion,
that on the 1st day of January 1862.— There will be
Nos: 1.3.7.9.13.16. and 17. New and vacant grounds,
or some portion of the same, ready for those
applicants, that are now applying.— The Hotel
will I hope make all things clear to you.—
Personally, I would desire to see all fishing
matters just arranged, and satisfied; subject as
I am always to your decision and approval
alone.— And with due respect.—

I have the Honor to be,
Sir
Your obedient Servant
H. L. Wilkes,
Fishery Overseer.

(A.)

Memorandum of Niagara Fishing Stations. for year 1881.--

Amount of Licence.

None. No: 1. New Ground, 300. yards frontage....
None.- " 2. Old ground. No fishery. 200. yards frontage:-
" 3. Old Ground. 396. yards frontage.- x
" 4. Old Ground, 396. yards frontage.--x
10 dollars. " 5. This ground cannot be fished. 400 yards frontage.--x
" 6.- Old Ground, 396. yards frontage.: x
" 7.- New ground. 312. yards frontage.--x
5 dollars.- " 8. Old Ground. 312. yards frontage.--
None.- " 9.. New Ground, 312. yards frontage.-
10. dollars, " 10.- Old Ground 312. yards frontage.--x
" 15. do.- " 11.- Old Ground, 412. yards frontage.--x
" 10. do.- " 12.- Old Ground, 396. yards frontage.-- x
" None, " 13.- New Grounds. 352. yards frontage.-- x
15. dollars, " 14.- Old Ground, 396. yards frontage.-
" 15. do.- " 15.- Old Ground, 396. yards frontage.--x
" 5. do.- " 16.- Old Ground, 396. yards frontage.-- x
None. " 17.- New Ground. 396. yards frontage.—

Sworn.

W. H. Wilkes Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa.

Fishery Inspector
Hamilton, Ont.
4. November 1881.-

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Hamilton, Ontario.

My dear Sir, -

I have to complain to you, of Charles R. Reid, of Normanville, and David Tyson, of the township of Clinton on the Lake shore, (Ontario,) in the County of Lincoln: - For fishing a seine and fish Nets, "in the waters of 20 Mile point which is "in the township of Louth, in the County "of Lincoln, on the 3rd 4th and 5th of "November instant; and for catching a "large quantity of Bass, pike, and other "fish, and for having the same in their "possession, in contravention of the "Fisheries act". - The witnesses are Mr. Richard Gilbert, and Mr. Meiklam, Keeper Lake shore - (Ontario,) township of Louth, - and J. W. Kerr — Fishery Overseer.

Will you be pleased to issue summonses, and subpoenas, appoint a

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day about the latter end of this week, and I will be in attendance, and prosecute. - - I was on the pond on last Saturday, and seized a fish Net the property of Tyson. -

Will you be pleased to let me Know immediately, the day for the hearing of these cases, and I will fix my arrangements accordingly. —

And with due respect. — Believe me — Yours Obediently, —

John W. Kerr -
Fishery Overseer
Hamilton, Ont.
7. Nov: 1881. -

James W. Keating Esq.
J. P. &c. &c. &c.
St. Catharines. —
Ont.

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Mein lieber Bruder!

Ich habe Ihnen die Ehre anzuzeigen, daß ich gestern Abend um 6 Uhr mit meiner Familie glücklich hier angekommen bin. Ich habe Ihnen nichts weiter zu melden, als daß ich mich Ihnen bestens empfehle und Sie bitte, mich Ihrer Frau Gemahlin und Ihren Kindern bestens zu empfehlen.

Ich bin mit aller Hochachtung

Ihr

ergebener Bruder

Friedrich Engels

Barmen, den 7. Mai 1838.

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ergebener Bruder

Friedrich Engels

Copy.—

Dear Sir,

As requested, I have to state that I have to Enclose, former Owner of Tickets, the sum of Five dollars for a Lease in favor of Lot No 7. in the township of Charlottenville.—

I am Sir.—

Yours. &c.

Jno. C. Romer Esqr
P. Guardian.—
Port Royal.—

Sd. N. Kilmaster.—
Ex Rowan.
21st Oct. 1841.—

Memorandum for J. C. Romer Esqr acting for the Commissioner of Fisheries. Ottawa.—

It appears from the above, and other information this morning to me by Mr Chas Romer, that Mr. E. L. Bingham, late Overseer of Fisheries for the Norfolk District, on Lake Erie received the sum of Five dollars, for a License in the same Way, Turkey point, in front of Lot No: 7.- township Charlottenville, June 1841, and as it is supposed this fine dollars has never been forwarded to you.- I am requested to lay the matter before you: from Mr Kilmaster.—
and with due respect.

I am Sir.—

Yours respectfully.—

John Wilkie.—
Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton Ont.
23 November 1841.

Hamilton, Ont.
7th Nov: 1881.

My dear Hall. —

I am in receipt of your letter of the 31st of October last...

I am glad to know that you have succeeded in giving Henry Wade, William Cates, Alph: Smith, and Colin Robertson, of Hillsburg:- and John Downes of the 4th Concession of Erin -- also Robert Rogers.

Now as regards the amount of fine imposed by the magistrates, tipping to be sure with that you have nothing to do, as under Section 16. of the Act; they have all the power in their own hands. —

The magistrates should pay you all costs in each case; say $1. for reading Court and 10¢ a mile for going to the Court. For under a Circular issued last spring all the fines have to be forwarded to the Fisheries department, Ottawa. —

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The fisheries department will not interfere with magistrates in the discharge of their duty. Section 16. you will find, gives magistrates all power. --

I am glad to know that you have caught those people; you must ask for your costs in every case, where a conviction takes place. -- The magistrates will mind their own costs, and they are equally bound and obliged to look after, in every case for you. — — —

You will be satisfied, whether fines imposed, are small or large. — the good over duty, and have the magistrates to do his: look up cases of these Law Breakers. — and when you have no the money by you, I will report monthly in your favour. —

Believe me, Yours Himself. —

John Wasson

D. Cameron.

W. Mills Esq.
D. Cameron — Esq. —

Private!

My dear Jem.---

I am in receipt of your letter, and I am glad to hear you are both still alive!- I hope your sickness is not unto death; and that you will soon be well again.---

You can have the Boat House, with the greatest of pleasure, it only cost me of 2, dollars.---

My little daughter Lilly Jane, desires me to return you her sincere thanks. for Lily and Mary Browne, she Jos then will see, until they got used to the House and place, and got to be good friends with the other Ducks: Now the Drake got back, and are fed along with the other fowls, three times a day.--- Whatever Jack may say or do, avoid coming in contact with him.--- "Let him rip." !!!

P.S.

When you make to me your Official Report, give me all the particulars,- "Names in full", day and date", "Offence", "Where committed", "Name of Magistrate before whom the case was tried": "Amount of fine imposed and paid".- "Amount of Costs, and to whom paid".---

I believe if you cut to a Duck, Jack must pay the fine, you will have several persons - and likely fine some boys bit for Trust in the Streets.---

Yours fraternally.-
H. Wilson.
P.C.
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My dear Mr. Elliot,

I enclose you two Notices, which you will please to-morrow Morning put up, on the Boat Houses, where all Fishermen shall see them; we must begin the New year in a proper manner. —

As regards the New and the Old Sein hauling grounds, I propose my report on Friday, and hand it over on Saturday Morning. — —

There will be 16. grounds New and Old, of course, which not apart. I have not recommended any of the New applicants for grounds — that wait until I obtain the Ministers sanction first. —

I have informed the Minister that you have been in possession of your grounds under licenses, since 1860, — and I recommended you to get, No: 4. in front of the Hotel, and No: 7. from Rowley point to Ram-

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ney's Hollow, the ground 'above,' No: 8 from there, — No: 9 from there, and 10 below it. — —

As regards the others, Mr. Jones, who has recommended for 318 yards footage, at the E. — and next Ramsays Hollow. — John Anderson 418 yards footage. — Wallis 396 yards footage. — Mr. Jones 2nd ground 396, yards footage, and Allan Brothers 396. — —

That will suit you. — I hope to go down to Jordan on Saturday, the 29th inst, and hope to get Mr. Ross to go there by Tyson, and C. B. Reid of Annapolis. — We have them up at St. Catherines since May last week. —

No more, not with mine I remain Yours — My Kind regards to Mrs. Elliot, and the Girls, — Mrs. Dickson and Jessie Lindsay.

Jessie

My Dear Mr. Elliot
Respects.

Hamilton, Ont.
7. Nov: 1881.

Order...

It has been again and again represented to us; that many of the Fishermen, are using the Fishing Line; frequently hooking their mothers:— by fishing for, and selling fishes not quite fit for the Market.

To prevent such loss, and extortion for nothing longer.— It is hereby Ordered, that no fishes fit for Market shall be taken under 9½ inches, extension measure: after the 1st day of January 1832: But no such Lines will be viewed, for a fit fishes fit for Market, unless the same are 9½ inches extension measure:— Every fisherman fishing with the Net, will be given a separate Line: after 1st day of January 1832.—

By Order.—

Hamilton, Bermuda. 7th Nov: 1831.

Philip Cox.— Fishery Engineer.

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By Order.—
Hamilton, Bermuda. Philip Cox.—
7th November 1831. Fishery Engineer.—

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Quintet!

My dear Dick.—

I am in receipt of your photo.— I see the Invisible from Mr Invisible comes out a bit fierce. For you are standing there but with him to put the Invisible Stone as a substitute for Mr. Stagg.

In my own house, I should never stagg to get in to a love girl with his family.— Dick and Tyson were here this morning (Sunday) they will remind it all! even the they got stagg about Mr Gentle, permission to go there, and Tyson said he will have to appear at the Conference as a witness. Then all this will mean nothing.— you see: Mr Gentle has no right over him in the matter, & this I am glad to point by because Stagg.— for we may return home here

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in last Saturday morning & got a letter from the vicarage to know the reason why the banns are not published.—

Keep these Photo safe, when mine, put the money in & would buy in your wedding dress.—

Gentle knows me the reason why your — my: Do to get in this stagg business in the matter of the Invisible, from the Vicarage of Leeds.— Answer you [illegible] Return me.

Yours sincerely.—
Wilfred.—
Riding Corner,
Hamilton, Ontario.
9. Nov: 1891.

Miss Ethel Gentle.
Pickering
Nelson Station.
Post Office

May was going east, I believe, & only as it appears by letters & such, with pay the rest of a Home and Keep the entire family. — I have not seen Mary Cary for a long time. I am glad to thank, however — morning. — do you write her? then is no need for the mistake. — I like you the best that Ed. Hardy's sent me lately. I hope you are happy. —

I suppose you are all glad to hear (—ville) Christmas coming in your future gala Notes. —

Charles is likely to stay over except my warm regards both of you & my address! —

I am — Hello from Mary A. Clarke, — why sh. I — today — make Editor me. Yours sincerely

Jas Miller. —

Hamilton, Ont.
6. Nov: 1891.

Mr Jas Rutherford,
Gladstone.
Niagara.

I made out my report on Friday last, about your Niagara Falls, and I thinks it for Ottawa, on account of coming. — There will be only seven Grounds altogether. — —

I was at the 22 this past on Tuesday last, and I signed a Bill that then belonging to David Dyer. Mich. Gibbs was with me. — I will have him use a man named G. M. Reid, up at the Falls, some day this week, for filling them, without a license; when most likely I will have down to Niagara. — — You need not say to any one I am coming down outside of yourself and Mary C—, except myself and I am inquiring. — as all well. — Mary, has you sent Hamilton to live, or been sick. I only heard this on yesterday, when a Mr. Leighton Reach. — she is living there now a week, all the boys (8) are boarding with her. — Yes

Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton, 10. November 1881...

Sir,

I have the Honor to receive from you, a Copy of Mr. William Hallowell, Fishery Overseers" application for a License to fish a Gill Net, in the Humber Bay, Lake Ontario, and in front of the west end of the City of Toronto...

I went down on yesterday, and I saw Mr. C. L. Hinks, fisherman, and James Keefer, resident on the East side of the Humber, in the township of Etobicoke, for whom the application was made, and in connection I learned what he requires... Viz. "A License for to fish one fleet single gut or Leader Gill or setting net, which I cannot object to, Section nor recommend...

A License for to fish a fleet Net in any part of the Humber Bay, should not be under fifty dollars license fee, situated as it is on the western limit of the City of Toronto, with the population of 70000, inhabitants, and a good market for the disposal of the Kind of fish... If course you are aware that the above application for a license is this year to which I strongly object.— please in the license more for the protection of those fisheries, than to be fished upon by those persons to whom you license the same...

However I trust Sir you will, and will trust Sir, let Citizen who annually hire nets fish no more, having sufficient means to keep and maintain them, for the rest of her life...

W. F. Whitcher Esq
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa...

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Not only with Davis Shoe, one of the new schooners, they make one more fish; but in saying so, it is not necessary that they should take a license any longer, after the 1st of next December, — of the foot of Lake Ontario, between the Garrison skip, and the Humber". — I will however have to see Mr. David Ward, and have a talk with him on the subject..

I deem it to be my duty to attend to this matter, for your information... Besides fifty Net fishing, being distributed in Dalhousie Bay, Etobicoke Bay, the Humber, and the Don; I have myself thought over Seven Nets, as a substitute for the fifty Nets, and so Keep up the supply of fish for the people of Toronto....

I have had some months past an interview, with Mr. Charles Nurse, resident at the Humber and others, on the subject of Seven Nets fishing.. Mr. Nurse, applied to me for a license for to get a seven Net, single set, in the Humber Bay Lake Ontario, situate in the township of Etobicoke, and to extend from his wharf, situate on the waters of the Lake, for a distance of 80 chains. — License fee to be fifty dollars.. — I recommend that you will be pleased to grant this License from 1st of January next; so that Mr. Nurse, may begin to prepare and get his twine and seven Nets, piles &c. And I also recommend that the application of Mr. C. L. Hicks, may be also granted for to get a similar pound, as that of Mr. Nurse....

There will be plenty of space, between the two pounds; and there is water surficiant Sufficient in the Humber Bay, for 3 pounds.....

I would like very much, if you will be pleased to instruct Mr. William Hallowell, P.C. to communicate with me, in future; it will not hurt his dignity

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Hamilton, Ont.
11. Nov: 1881.

My dear Gordon, —

Your duly received, and I am much obliged to you for saving the life of the three salmon. — Keep your mind fully satisfied that the salmon are your, their own dear girl and her yourself. —

Make Ann, Lizzie and your domiciliary as she is. — —

We rain like hell up this way a few nights ago, raised the water in the creeks. —

If it extended to Buffalo Creek, you should have a rush of salmon there now. — But allow any person to steal them. — Write me, if you have made any fine discoveries; — How many lads! How many salmon. — —

Believe me. ——

Yours sincerely.

L. Lilly, Hamilton. ——

The Gordon Esquire
Buffalo Creek. — ——

Buffalo

Dear sir: —
Your favor of the 9th inst. is
duly received & contents noted. —
I am much obliged for your
offering; & as it is entirely
possible that the weather
may not permit of fishing. — I
herewith & thereby enclose
other fishing tickets for
which kindly favor me
with the required
J. Hamilton. —

Yours truly
Sidney Gordon.

Friday Evening Office. –
Hamilton 12. November 1861. –

Lt.

I have the honor to send you herewith copy of
for the use of this office. –
this you to please to apply this ——. for
Rent since which ——— are ordered to ——
C. C. Smith. at the Station, – for this Quarter. – – –
I shall receive this ——— on my visit there.
– yesterday. – I am with due respect. –
I have the honor &c.
Lt.
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
Military Engineer.

[illegible]
Commanding Officer,
[illegible].

Tyson is poor, the other man is in better circumstances.— Tyson was aiding his own Wife. Grobbs Lands were sold by the Executors after his death, to Charles Wyatt. I don't seek to impose a heavy fine, a mere nominal one, is all sufficient, just to show, that a Crime such as the late ex Grobb held, cannot be given to Law. Rich and Harry to be jailed under.—
Vic in writing

The Executor wrote if he could exhibit the power, for the balance of the year, duly up to 31st of December 1891.— The reply was no!— The License was only granted to Mr Grobb, alone;— No word about Rents, Arrears, nor Executors therein.... Those defendants know very well, they had no legal right to go there, altho' they went boldly in broad day light, assuming I take that I would not hear of it.— But I had a watch on the ponds, and as they failed first time on Thursday last week, I had the information on next day.—

Any day to suit yourself next week,

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with Mr. I propose going to Port Dover, on Monday and Tuesday next the 14th & 15th inst, and shall appear before I stop.—

Instead of Police Magr,— you will issue a subpoena for Port Dover — same place.— that if you may do. I write Mr Rich and Tyson, to go down to Dr Anderson, and appear before your Worship — and they will do so.— that I would be there myself and complain.—

You could get your book of Fees. Ks. Ks.— and you could explain the law & show us but forth in the License and Statutes etc.—

Pardon me for trespassing at such length on your time; and believe me —

Yours Sincerely. —

Solicitor. —

Police Magr.

Dunnville.—

from W. Kirby Esq.

J. P. Ks. Ks. Ks. 11th Nov: 1891.

No: 1. Colborne street

St Catharines. —

Hamilton, Oct.
12. Nov: 1821.

Myrdear Wadsworth, —

Mr Joseph Gabriel
has complained to me last month: that you
had put in your pleadings, and were giving us
a little trouble of his own pleadings. — the
Niagara Circ. at Canandaigua and thereby
damaging and injuring his pleading there. —
You do know that he owns out lots on
Main Genesee in the City, as well as
the Gist: — Now you cannot prove
this also, so as to prevent him from
entering my Gist. — —

You will either Gist you or take out
your pleadings at once; Instant of the
Trial will not be Absolute. —

Now again, by your putting in your plea,
this Defence Gabriel will bring his pleadings
you agree and damage both. — —

Now I am sorry at this, the use of these
upon grounds; and let us have peace
and quietness; otherwise I see

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nothing but a Law suit before you. —
Besides this — of Gist you have
only four days for it — for your up-
per pleadings. —

The next Circuit, as you know will
not at Canandaigua Circ. in October, hearing
nor trying the merits; just like a com-
mon court rule of the Common Pleas,
not the other you see! —

You know I Mr Gabriel as the Major
Gabriel and Agent have my own ends
only the as you know damage and
defeat this pleading. — but I sincerely
advise Gabriel will bring you up before
a Magistrate and I will have no objection
but to help me would be. — Be sure
never my friend! and believe me. —

Yours truly. —

Myself.

Mr Wadsworth, Ashby Esquire
Geneseo
Livingston Co

No 30.
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Auckland, [illegible]
[illegible] May 1891.
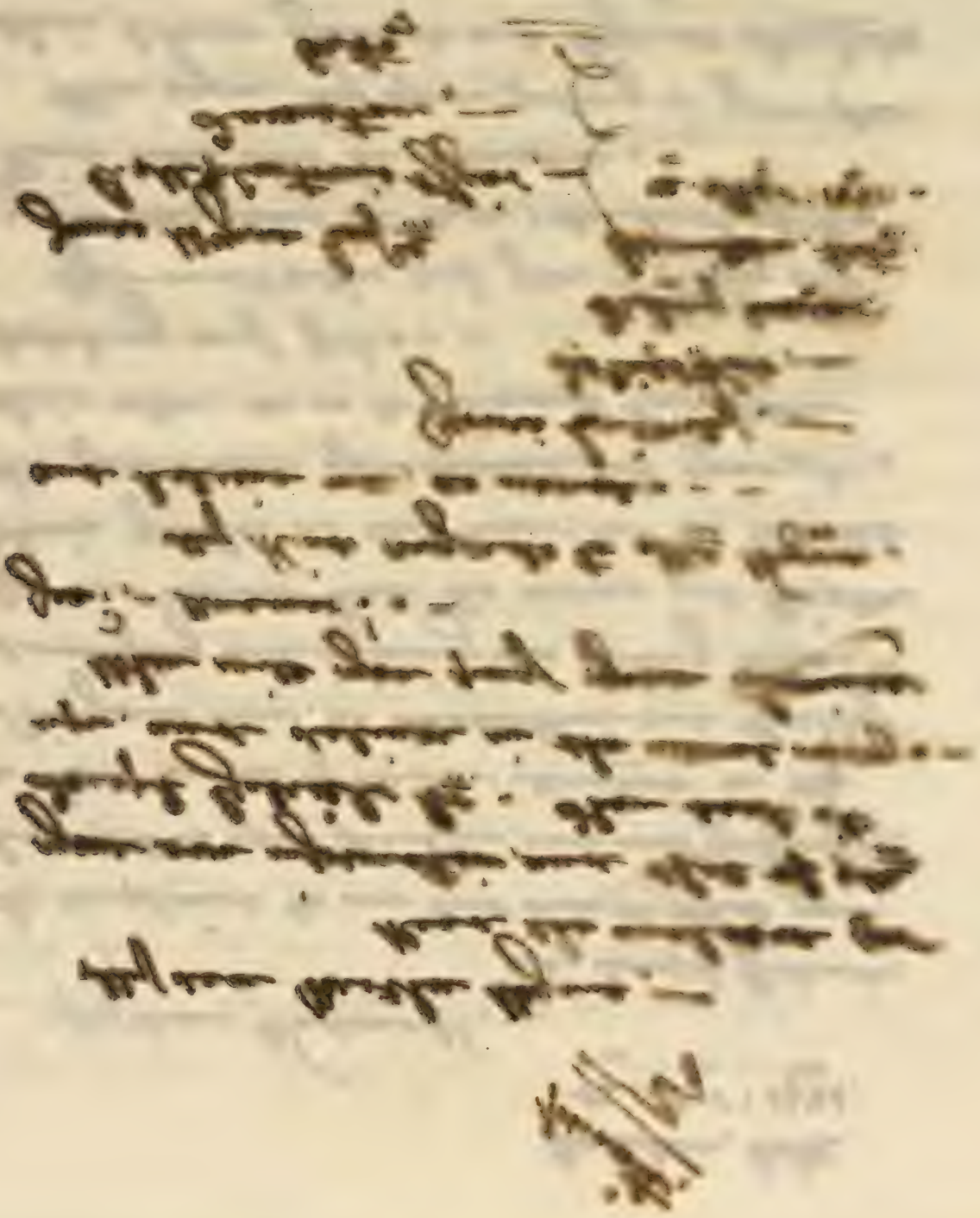
My dear Mark,

Your parcel in due time, & was to hear you the other day, but the weather [illegible] you, what you know about Mr Wilson Hallowes, Bishop's Surgeon, calling on applying for the R.M. Ticket for the Gold & Coal Act in the Thames Dist. The application being referred to me by the Chief Secretary. Now, as Mr Hallowes does not at present reside in the Thames, I am not aware whether he is a fit & proper person to be entrusted with the powers of the Act, but I am under the impression that he is a man of good character & standing, & I should be glad if you could make it convenient to call on him, & ascertain whether he is a fit & proper person to be entrusted with the powers of the Act, & if so, whether he would be willing to accept the appointment. I am sorry to trouble you in the matter, but I am sure you will excuse me, as I am not personally acquainted with Mr Hallowes, & I do not like to write to him on the subject without knowing something about him. I am sorry to say that I am suffering from a bad attack of influenza, which has confined me to the house for the last few days, & I am not yet quite myself again. I hope you are all well at home, & that you have had a pleasant trip to Auckland. With kind regards to Mrs Mark & the children, I remain, Yours sincerely, [illegible]

No 30.
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Hamilton, Ontario.
12. Sept: 1881.

My dear Bellach,-

Now that we have had some rain last night and more rain in the early part of this week, and as Sat. second — saturday last, that the 13 and 14 pitch breaks; was rainy; I consider it my duty to draw your immediate attention thereto. — I fear you experience that the salmon, during the spawning season, when the water being low on their spawning grounds; are shy and always ready, and take advantage of the freshet, such as we had last night, and in, and up stream, upon exit, and many again. — Please examine 12 pitch and up to first dam; and ascertain for me. how many salmon both ascending & descending with their regards to Mrs C. and self. Believe me, Yours faithfully, —
W. D. Bellach Esq.
St Lawrence, Canada.

Hamilton, Ontario.
12. Sept: 1881.

My dear Wilkey.

I saw some after last night rain, you should have observed I believe in the Credit today. — Upon receipt of your kind and prompt favor, we repaired to the river. —

What kind of flies was it you saw — Mrs Grafton, belonging to Mr Harden Mrs? — Please let me know, and keep a good look out, that Wilkey Jim, does not put flies of any kind in the Credit; a good summer gale will wash out a salmon any time, examine under the Bridge at the River, one up as far as the Indian Village for flies, that he caught sleeping, while the salmon are round. —

I saw Sol. Billington and son, at Niagara, 20. of October. — Believe me, ever Yours faithfully, —
Wilkey —
Wilkey Esq. Canada

O.S.
Night and day, always
have some one on
the watch. — J.W.Gordon
D.o

Hamilton, Ontario
12. Mar: 1881.

My dear Gordon, —

I am sure after
last Night's rain, you should have an
abundance of forest Salmon, in Duffins
Creek to-day, and from this forward,
until the spawning season is over. —
Renew your efforts, and let no one steal
a fish from you. — Whenever the flume is
not grinding: — (Hours of flume) be sure and
watch the Salmon at the Tumbling dam,
and Waste Gate. — let nothing escape you
nor your Watchmen. — Bid it ever strike
your Scotch mind, whether a trap
for catching Salmon might not be set
on the flume, — Watch and pray, lest
you enter into temptation. — Count the
heads and fish daily, — and believe
me —

Yours Sincerely,
J.W.Gordon, D.o,

John Gordon Esqre M.P.
Duffins Creek.

My dear Calder. —

In case I am not
home on Thursday next, will you be so
good as to have the enclosed copy of the
Original patent from the Crown of Lots
No. 1. in the 5th Concession of Scarboro,
also a Deed of Bargain and Sale, passed by the
County Council, last May Term 9th Vict: 20, —
dated Council Chamber May 15. 1844. —
handed to the late John Thos. C.E. Esqre the
may be of some use to him. —

Be sure and get down here
again from him for me. —

Yours Sincerely,
J.W.Gordon —
Chamberlain —
Scarboro,
14. Mar: 1881.

William Calder Esqre M.P.
Water Works —
Reservoir.

Hamilton, Ontario.
21. November 1861.

My dear Sir.—

When you were up here, at my place; I told you and David Tyson. you would have to appear before James W. Keating Esqre Justice of the Peace, at St. Catharines.——

On Monday. the 14th instant, I was at St. Catharines, and talked the matter over with Mr. Keating, and I arranged with him that I would notify you and Tyson to appear before him on Friday the 25th of November, at 12 o'clock Noon, at his office, No: 20, Ontario street.— Now I do this, to save you costs for Summonses, Witnesses and Constables fees.— I will be there and meet you. Please answer, and let me Know if you will attend there without further Notice.——

Yours &c.

J. Hutchison.

Fishery Overseer, Hamilton.

Mr. C. R. Reid.—
Beamsville, Ont.

Hamilton, Ont.
17. Nov: 1861.

My dear Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 14th instant... I just got it on my return home this evening.. I drove by your place on yesterday afternoon, and had I been aware of what you communicate, would most undoubtedly have called.——

Will you be pleased to send me the Name of the person who saw prove the case, his residence with all particulars and where I can find him; and I will at once attend to it... with many thanks for your attention to me. believe me, Yours Sincerely.—

J. Hutchison.

Fishery Overseer. Hamilton, Ont.

17. Nov: 1861.

Mr. Ephraim Evans.
Walpole,
Cheapside East office.

P.S. also give me Names of Men employed by Rosbery & Co., and where the fish were sent. &c

Fishery Overseers Office. —
Hamilton. 18. November 1881. —

Sir,

I have the Honor to send you herewith, Bank draft No: 48. for the sum of Twenty Six dollars. — —

Will you be please to apply this amount as follows; for this current season:

1. Messrs Chester A. Harris and John Harris. Fort Erie. For Rebate in fees of Nets landing licence (fee) in the Niagara River, at Fort Erie, already received, and set. issued. Total amount of Licence is 26.00. now sent . . . . 20.00.

2. George Howard, Walpole. For Boat licence to fish 200. yards of white fish gill Net. in Lake Erie. in front of Peacocks point, which is in the township of Walpole, for the balance of this current year. — — "please send me licence". — 1.00.

3. Christopher Shank. Rainham. — For a Boat licence to fish 200. yards of white fish gill Net. in Lake Erie. in front of Lots Nos: 14. and 15. in the township of Rainham, and 1st Concession, for the balance of this current year. — "please send me licence". —

2.00.

Total. — $ 26.00 ct.

Will you be pleased to send me Boat licence for Lake Erie of Rainham: For to fish 1000. yards of white fish gill Nets in Lake Erie. in front of Lots Nos 20. and 21. in the 1st Concession of Rainham, for the balance of this current year. — The licence fee is to be of 5.00 ct.

Will you please send me this licence. — I will send the money in a few days. — —

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
H. Lewis
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esq
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa. —

Fishery Overseers Office. - -
Hamilton 18. November 1861. -

Sir

I have the honor to report for your information, that - passing up the Beach of Lake Erie, this week I found the Henry Lane the Overseer of Fisheries at Dunville - at present absent in Manitoba, managing for the Dominion Government. - -

Shall I take charge of his division until he returns: and get up his returns, when I am around getting up my own for this current year. - - -

I may here also report that Lewis fishing in the Grand River, will commence early in the New year. -

I can also attend to the issuing of the Licenses if you say so, and Order me to that effect. —

I have the Honor to be,
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
W. H. Wilton
Fishery Overseer

W. F. Whitcher Esqr
Commissioner of Fisheries. —
Ottawa.

Copy.--

Port Royal.
November, 13th 1861.---

While at Court, I got the greatest raking down, one man got. I came in contact with B. L. Bingham, and he wanted to know what in H— ll, I was meddling with Uncle Ben: Kilmaster's permit for, and that you and I were not fit, but only too ready to hold the pot for the Tory Commissioner to deposit his night soil in.-- This is tough language for B. L. Bingham to use toward his Superior in Office.-- Ils for myself I do not care, for I am independent of him, and do not care a straw; but he assured me, and those standing around, that he had an epistle from the Commissioner that he was to be reinstated the 1st of December, in time to make out his half yearly report.-- Of course it would be on what you and I have done, I was not in a position to contradict it.-- He said you and I, had done our damn best to hoist him, but we could not do it.--

Now for God's sake, and for the safety of good Government, is there any truth in his utterances for he assured me my time was short in this my official position.-- Can it be possible that the Commissioner, with all his Sympathetic feeling should or would overlook his rascality, and then reinstate him; if it be so, I want to know it, at once, and if you know any thing about it, let me know at once, for I do not like the idea of his coming in at the eleventh hour, to assume our work.--

Signed. Chas Bowen.
Tidey Guardian.

John W. Hall Esqre
Customs of Fidenis.
Hamilton, Bute.

Hamilton, Ont.
18. Nov: 1881.

My dear Bowers.—

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 18th instant, except that I heard this morning from Ainley, in Port Dover, a similar story, and that Bingham had written him, he was to be reinstated. I do not of myself, personally know anything about Bingham.—

About the Erection of a New dam, in Big Creek, by the Big Island Company, I shall not interfere.— It is all their own property.— And my instructions are, not to interfere with private property.—

I do not expect the Commissioner will come west at this late season of the year. I have not heard from him for a long time; and at present, I know nothing of his movements.— Now with regard to these Turkey point and Normandale people complaining of the Pound Net fishermen not letting down the Seines on Saturday Nights; Just enquire what it is, they know about it.— Get it from them in writing, and the Names of persons who can swear positively against them, and I will prosecute and fine them.— But you and I, must bear in mind that for eleven weeks past, every Saturday has blown almost a Hurricane, when no Boat could get out: so that for my part, it was such an impossible thing: that I do suppose the Fisheries department, do not want fishermen on such stormy occasions to endanger their lives and risk their property.— There is no doubt, that whenever Bingham gets restored, you and he will have a time of it.—

Bill Leary will leave Long point, on the 1st of next May. but Bingham nor you, will not have a shadow of a chance in getting his place.— It will be given as I understand to some distant stranger;— with some person who already knows

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Long Point, second in command, or 1st officer.— His information was gratuitously given me by a Gentleman who knows, without my asking.— If Bingham can get the place, he had better take it.— And then you, and I suppose I may add myself, will be satisfied.—

You had better as soon as your health will permit, commence and make out the returns of fish caught by each Boat and Line fisherman — in Barrels, whether Cut fish or Sturgeon, value of Boats, value of Hooks and Lines.— And the value of each Barrel of fish.— Abut spearing, there will be no spearing until the Seas is Jammed.— And with my best wishes for your speedy recovery. Believe me,

Very fraternally,
John W Kerr.—
F. Brewer.

Brown Bowers Esqre
F. Guardian.
Port Rowan.—

Private.

P.S.—

Except to report to me the unbecoming language of the B. L. Bingham, and his rascality in appropriating fishing licenses Leases to his own use, dont mind him;— say Nothing to provoke him; for he has great misfortunes of his own.— except what I do in duty; I have no feelings one way or the other about him.———

It was reported to me on Wednesday morning, when in Port down: That you are at great with Mrs Capt. Ferris and Bill Palmer, of Turkey point, as ever B. L. B— was. Be intimate with them all, and so give them no cause to be Jealous.—

I heard Young Ferris and Palmer had put out buoy ranges on their old grounds.— I was also told Bingham got Money from Dr Stewart, to pay up his defaults.— How true. I cant say.— Yours fraternally.—
John W Kerr.—
F. Brewer.

Brown Bowers Esqre
V. V. Q.

Memorandum for Mr. Bennett,

It appears from the attached
Copy of paper, — Mr. Owen Romans fishery guardian,
at Port Royal, Lake Erie, and Mr. B. L. Bingham, have
had a row at a Division court, before a crowd
of people, about that Memorandum of five
dollars, that the latter received from Mr.
Kilmaster. I sent you on the 7th of November.
I wrote Mr. Owen Romans today, and advised
him to say nothing to Bingham to provoke
him. — If I am continued on, as Overseer, in
the Norfolk division; all the fishermen will
commence and fish while fish are Here
again. — I have three yrs. only heard of one
found Net fisherman, at Sandusk break
the Law during close season. — The weather
has been very stormy and tempestuous, few
fishermen dare get to their grounds to fish up.
I hope still to see the found Net fishermen

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of the Norfolk division - finish up their season of
1881 - profitable to themselves, - and which I believe
can be done if the weather moderates; as the
White fish have only commenced to come
on the Reefs to spawn. — I have these yrs,
without any rows, succeeded in collecting
about $743.50 as License fees in the Norfolk
division, and which I sent the department
for this current year. — And at this present
moment, I only know of $ 10. — being still unpaid
in. — Today! is very mild up here, altho' it
blew hard last Night, and I trust in God it will
continue for, for I would like very much to see
every thing go on well to the end of this
season, with Norfolk found net fisher-
men. — The fishers this year at Niagara, are
as numerous, as while fish were there last spring
and summer; — And all on our own side
of the waters Lake Ontario .. and with my
respects, — I am — Yours Obediently,
Hamilton, Ont. } John W. Kerr. —
18. Nov: 1881. } (2) Fishery Overseer.

Fishery Overseers Office. —
Hamilton, 18. November 1881. —

Sir.

I have to report for your information, that I have just received a letter from Mr. W. H. Leary. of Long point. Lake Erie. Fishery Overseer there; Mr. Leary. I was told some time ago, by Mr. John D. MacKenzie, had sent in his resignation as Steward to the Long point Company, and which was accepted to take effect on the 1st day of May next; because he is to remove then with his family to Manatoba. —

Mr. Leary says I am off to Manatoba in May next. — He has got a sum of Five dollars in his possession collected for spearing license, and for Hooks and lines, Set for catching Sturgeon, on, and within the Long point licensed fishing limits; — and would send this Money to me; I thought I would receive it, and pay it in to the department, as so much Money received on account of the Long point boys own license: please say, will I, be right in doing so. — —

I also desire to apply to you, and I recommend that a free license be granted to Mr. W. H. Leary for to fish a Hoop Net, in Carrying Creek, Long point, and catch fish, for his own use, the same as you gave him permission last year; and during last spring. — I can send license down here, as soon as you give your sanction. — I deeply regret Mr. Leary is going to leave Long point. — But I hope you will be able to give him a place in connection with the Fisheries, in Red River settlement, when he arrives there, he is a good man. —

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
John W. Kerr.
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa. — —

Hamilton. —

My dear Bowers. — I am in receipt of $1.— as spearing license for. Jos William Brown. — You apply for so much for this man, and you dont say where he lives: that I must say in reply: I cannot, and I shall not recommend what you now apply for, so that if he wants his Money back, he can have it. — — —

I have recommended that spearing be permitted in the Inner Bay, of Lake Erie, at Turkey point: townships of Charlotteville and Walsingham; but no spearing shall be allowed in the ship Canal, nor in any other waters so as to debar fish in their passage to, and from their accustomed resorts for spawning, and increasing their species. — I hope you will now understand the matter. — There will be no spearing allowed in the Outer Bay, — nor on any fishing grounds; belonging to the Turkey Pt. Fishermen: Read section 18. of the Fishery Act.

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We cannot allow them, to go all over Creation. — Here, all things, and the spearing licenses, defined under certain limits and bounds. — Study your Fishery Act, and heed it all, over carefully. — for we can spear in the waters of Long Point, nor within the limited limits of that Company, except they are permitted to do so, by that Company. — and then the W. H. Dearf. Fishery Overseer — there! will report to me. — Whether you and I, are fishery Officers for a day, a month, six months or a year; it matters not, let us do our duty, or as Bobby Burns expresses it, "Let us do or die!"

The amount I have sent to the department, from the Norfolk division, so far; is upwards of 11 Hundred dollars. —

This needs no comment from me !!!.

I have no more to say just now, as soon as the Canal Locks are lifted, I

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Hamilton, Ont^{o}.
20. Nov^{r}: 1881.
(Sunday.)

My dear Sir,—

Yours of the 14th instant, just received, and I am always glad to hear from you, and regret you are leaving Long point, but I sincerely hope every thing will turn out for good and to your profit and advantage.— I wrote the department as to the disposition of the $9. dollars you allude to.— My impression is, this money should be applied towards the Long point Company's own license fee for 1881.—

In regards Bill Woodward, or rather Harry. I have never seen, nor heard from him, since I saw him at the Cottages, on the 16th October 1880.— and I have not since written to him on any subject.—

I wrote to Mr Whitcher telling him you would leave Long point, on 1st of May next, and go to Manitoba; and I recommended when you got there; he would give you an appointment in the Fisheries there, that you were a good man: a splendid fellow.— I have not heard from Mr Whitcher, for some time.—

Your friend. Mr John D. MacKenzie, has been appointed Lacrew Inspector, for Hamilton,

shall come up, perhaps before; as I expect to have some illegal fishing to attend to.— before I do some Rowing. I will appreciate you!.— Begin at once, and get up the Hook and line returns, and spearing returns for this current year.— The value of spearing hours, the spear, and light dark and boat of each person must be given.— It is of no consequence to you, or I,— if Bingham come back again tomorrow! he will have to do his duty. and he dare not interfere with you. he may have some one who will keep him in his place, and make him do his duty.— I have not yet received any additional pay. for the duties I have rendered to the Norfolk division.—

Believe me. Yours fraternally.

Mr Wm Kerr.—
Fishery Overseer—
Hamilton, Ont^{o}.
20. Nov^{r}: 1881.—

Evan Bowers Esqre
J. P. Guardian.
Port Royal.—

You can fish the Hoop Net, and begin whenever you are ready to do so; get Mr. P. D. Bates. to repair it for you. — I will send License. — —

And I will require from you about X^mas, a return and value of all the fish caught by you. Bates. Cat: Lake. Peter Cruse & Boy. during this Current year of 1881. — say from January. to December. inclusive! — I will send and get up your salary before Christmas for you.

I have got on the Jar. in the Shop fish dinner, very much. I collected and sent to the Fisheries dept. since up to present time $16. dollars. And except [illegible] I have not

of Turkey

point. fisherman; - and endeavours to make them my [illegible]. Whether it is so, or not!! —

About the ducks, — I saw Mr. John S. Mac-Kenzie, on Friday last, and he told me. You had got permission for to shoot some ducks for yourselves; — So Mote it be! —

I hand. from John S. Allan. Cost down. of your friendship and Kindness towards me; — I was sick. very bad for a few hours, on three different occasions during this year. & I believe God is pleased to extend my [illegible] for some time longer. — I feel so within me. — Glory be to His Holy Name for ever!.

I am now 69 years and 5 months old. —

Give my Kind regards and warm respects to Mrs. Leary. your Boys (3) and [illegible]ter! And believe m

Yours

[illegible] Bates

Lieber Herr Pick! Ich hoffe, auf Ihren
Besuch zu rechnen zu können. Ihr ergebener
Dr. Beta.

Herr Schmidt sagen Sie mir doch gefälligst
Ihre Adresse. — Schmidt: Ich wohne
Hauptstraße 5. — Ich danke Ihnen.

Herr Schmidt: Ich habe Ihnen
Ihre Adresse gegeben. Ich bitte Sie
Ihre Adresse mir zu geben. — Schmidt:
Ich wohne Hauptstraße 5. — Ich danke

Fishery Overseer's Office.—
Niagara, 21. November 1884.—

Dear Sir,—

After considerable work, and about 250. dollars outlay, I have secured about 2. acres of land in the Town of Niagara, about 60 yards from the Niagara River,—and on which there is a House, an old Military Barracks,"—40. yards long, by 18 yards wide, and 10 feet high, having a stone foundation.— Two doors in front, and six windows.— It is a frame building, and the frame is bricked inside.—

On the lot are two fine springs of water running all the year round.— These springs are about 10 feet above the foundation of the building.— The House if fixed up, and repaired, will make a good Hatchery with ponds and stream.— Speckled Trout, Lake Trout, Salmon, White fish, Pickerel, and Maskinonge, might under your supervision be hatched out yearly in millions.—

Will you be pleased to give me your aid, and the light of your countenance; so that fish may be hatched out, and then deposited in the waters of the Niagara River, into which these springs empty, every day all the year round.—About 500. dollars, will put the place in good order, with pipes, tanks, hatching cans, and the various, and water courses into the ponds.—

I hope you will be pleased to submit this matter with your recommendation to the Commissioner at once for the consideration of the Honble the Minister.—

If sanctioned and approved, it can be prepared to fill up for pickerel and maskinonge hatching by next spring.— Speckled Salmon were caught at Niagara, this season; One at Queenston, 16 pounds weight.—

I am, Yours respectfully,
Niagara, Ont.
John W. Kerr.
Fishery Overseer.

Samuel Wilmot Esqre
Superintendent Fish Breeding,
Dominion of Canada—
Newcastle, — Ontario.—

Memorandum for Mr. S. O. Bennet
Fisheries department. Ottawa. —

In Commencing at the Town Line, between Dunn and South Cayuga, on Wednesday last, the 16th instant, I my enquiries found out, that a fisherman, supposed to be a Dutchman, from a distance; had fished a quantity of Herring Gill Nets in Lake Erie, under the Ice last winter, and until the breaking up of the Ice last spring; in front of the Township of South Cayuga; and that he caught large quantities of Herring and sold some of them in the Town of Dunnville, and Neighbouring locality. —

of persons fishing. or intending to fish. or who fished last fall, or last spring. — S. W. Kerr. P.O.

I was also told today, by a man named Silas Wheeler, a resident of Hamilton, who saw the Man and his Nets fishing there last winter. Viz. K. — That this said fisherman caught several fish, the Name of which, he did not himself Know, but on sending those fish to Market, it was ascertained they were genuine Salmon. — Have you any record of this fisherman, or of those Salmon. — South Cayuga, is in the Norfolk division. — And some person told me S. L. Bingham, ex Canada, Collected Licence Money from this Herring Gill Net fisherman for the years 1878 and 1880, "he did not fish in 1879." — It was Christopher Hauk, who told me last Wednesday, when passing the head of Lake Erie, about this Man fishing there, and that he came down there from Lake Huron. — Will you please answer!

Yours respectfully. —
S. W. Kerr. —
Fishery Bailiff.

Hamilton, Ont.
21. Mar: 1881.

Private!.

"Memorandum."— Jos S. P. Ramsdell Esq. Va. Va. Va.

"Your private memorandum received,— I believe Just as you do.. As regards Romero and Ringhaw, a bitter jealing exists between them; and your appearances it may soon break out and blaze . — I must tell you, however, that Romero, having no other alternative, I suppose; has obeyed my Orders, and in fact has been active and industrious in collecting about $ 60. dollars, thus far, this season, since I was appointed, for Hook and line, and for spearing licenses, issued during this present season. — And whether true or false, Romero states to me in writing; that Ringhaw collected more money than this, under those heads, every year he was in office, and that he kept it all to himself. — Of course I dont Know this, and I have only Romeros word for it. —

Except officially called upon, I dont want to express myself to you about Ringhaw; whom I have never seen, nor heard from, since the 18th of October 1880, — when I met him at Long point .... I believe his lot and fortune has been a hard one. — Since Ringhaw has circulated the report that he was reinstated, I heard this from Messrs Quisley and Allen, of that down, to whom Ringhaw has written it. — Frank Jackson, in formed me; Miss Alpha Ferris, and Wm Helmer, have lodged their old fishing ranges, on their being landing grounds at Quisley point, to the great damage, injury and annoyance of Messrs Snook and Jackson, who also fish along side them. — This I hope will be remedied, when next years licenses for P. point are endorsed. — So long as Romero is Guardian from P. point east to the boundary line of Norfolk, he must work and do his duty, so long as I exist. But he is so meddlesome, that I would not allow him to come further east, than P. point; for if I done so, he would have the Town Plot fishermen, continually in Hot water. —

I do not wish to advise about Ringhaw. — I might say, for your information and Mr Whitelaws, that Mr Alley; Mr Reeder, J.P. division wants looking after, he has removed to Mr Thomas, and taken a large Hotel, "The Metropolitan House". — to which he devotes all his time and attention. — Yours, respectfully. I. W. Kerr —
P. Master.

Hamilton, Ont. 3d, Mar: 1881.

Copy. Pleasant Hill, 14. Nov: 1881. —

L. N. Bansot Esqre
Ottawa. — —

My dear Sir. —

Your communication of the 4th instant, came duly to hand, and in reply allow me to thank you most sincerely for your most generous, and to me and mine most welcome letter. — Oh, Sir, — you do not know the load that was lifted from off my shoulders, and the thankfulness that was expressed by my dear ones at Home. — I shall now have more time to devote to the Fishery interests of this division, and will try and discharge all the duties without the assistance of a Guardian. — Mrs^s^ Bingham owned a small House and lot here, and I have been repairing it preparatory to removing here, I shall be obliged to leave the Farm soon, and there is but little chance of getting into any business here. — But shall endeavour for the future to so discharge my duties as Overseer, that the department shall have no cause for complaint. — Again accept thanks for your Kindness, and express to the Commissioner Mr^s^ Whitcher our united gratitude for his brotherly love and friendship in our time of sore affliction. —

I have the Honor to be,
Your Obedient Servant
E. L. Bingham. —

Fishery Overseer's Office.
Hamilton, 26. November 1881.

Sir.-

I have the Honor to report for your information, that on yesterday, 25th instant, at 11.30. a.m. at St. Catharines, in the County of Lincoln; before James W. Keating Esq.re J.P.- I appeared, and charged Messrs. Charles R. Reid, and David Tyson, a fisherman and fish dealer, residents in the township of Clinton, in the said County: - "For fishing a small seine, "and about 200 yards of fish Nets, in the 20 Mile pond, which "is situated in the township of Louth, on the 8th of Nov. "ember instant, without having a license from the department "of Marine and Fisheries; and for catching a quantity of Bass "and pike, in contravention of the Fisheries act". -

They admitted the offence, and were fined each $2.50 cts. including costs; and being poor the magistrate gave them a fortnight within which time they are to pay in the same. -

The seine and fish Nets were confiscated. - I may here report for your information, that the day after the offence was committed, I was made aware of it; and on Saturday the 5th instant, I went down there, and I found the gill nets then set in the pond, and a pike and perch gilled therein: - And the small seine was hauled up: I seized them. - The reason given was that Mrs. Forbes, widow of the late Alex. H. Forbes, deceased, told them they might go there and fish. The Nets were the property of David Tyson; and besides this fishing is only a spring fishing: - the License in reality, expiring on the 16th May. but given the balance of the year, for protecting the fishing. -

I have the Honor to be,
Sir.-
Your Obedient Servant
John Wilkes
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esq.re
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa. - - -

Fishery Overseers Office.
Hamilton, 26. November 1864.

Sir.

I have the honor to receive from you, the copy of a petition, signed by the Warden, Ira F. Culp, and F. B. Bleuch, County Clerk, and adopted in the County Council of Lincoln, the 17th of November 1864.—

Praying

That Net fishing be prohibited in 15. 16. and 20 Mile, Creeks, and Hook and Line fishing only be allowed; and now referred to me, by you, for report.—

In reply, I have the honor to report, that I cannot recommend the prayer of this petition being granted. (The people already enjoy angling all the year round.)

And because in the first place, the Net fishing, being carried on in those ponds (not Creeks) only for a part of each year, when fish are scarce, and expires on the 14th of May, in each year, and is not renewed again, until after the commencement of the next New year.— I do really consider, and I say it fearlessly without fear of Contradiction, that your present Regulation, is a boon, and a benefit to the inhabitants of the Neighbouring townships of South, Clinton, Grantham, Grimsby, as well as the City of St. Catharines, who receive benefit from the fish that are legally caught there in by Licensed fishermen, who furnish fish thro' peddlers, and Carts out to the people, at, and in the early season of each year, long before angling begins, or a supply of fish is obtainable any other way.— Even the people of this City, "Hamilton" receive their early supplies from there!.—

The petition says:— "Your petitioners are of the "opinion, that when the supply of fish is limited, as it is "in those Creeks no person should be allowed to fish

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Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa.— —

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"with milk, but that the privilege should be accorded to the "general public to fish both and low only".- -

In reply to this, I have to report, and I presume that Wm. H. Lee, Warden, who is Revd of Clinton, never in his life, enquired from his Council the date of Col. H. Gould, who until recently was licensed to fish in 20. Mile pond, what the annual take and supply of fish was! that he caught them, and sold to the public.- -

I presume, if Col. Gould, was still living, you would not get to trouble with this petition; and I know, it is only the fear that is apprehended of Richard Gilbert, a poor fisherman, getting a license of the 20. Mile pond, next season, that now brings forth this petition.- Because Gilbert complained of Henry Wilmot, Esq. as Warden, for illegal fishing and for which the latter was fined.- -

In glancing over my Annual Returns made to you, for the years 1879. and 1880,- I find the aggregate total of fish, in the 15. 16, and 20. Mile ponds in those years, was, 78 Barrels of Trout, 68 Barrels of Pike; and 48 Barrels of Perch, and Cat fish.- - In what it now remains to be seen, that the supply of fish is not limited in those ponds; and for my part, I have no hesitation in telling you, that in early spring during freshets, there is no limit to the resort of fish, from Lake Ontario, into those ponds, and even into the Creeks, where during summer and fall, there is not a drop of water.- -

I will now take the liberty of informing you, that by reference to my report, dated 7th of November 1879,- you will please find, I had the Hon. Henry Wilmot, ex. Warden of District, and others fined, for fishing in this, at the month of 20. Mile pond, without a license, he was summoned by Richard Gilbert, and as the fine of $5. there was thank against Gilbert, for giving information.- Now that he wants you to petition to stop all but fishing in 20. Mile pond. Eh. Eh. well I suppose

the present petition is the one. the Winner. then referred to — the Rev. H. Culf, Warden. this year of Lincoln, in a neighbour of the Many Winner's. — And lies in the township of Clinton. — —

By reference to my report of 20. May 1880, you will please find, that Wells, and Elias Leavis were fined by me, for illegal fishing — 20. pikes each. —

Now by a report from me, to day, this week, you will please find, the persons were fined on yesterday, for illegal fishing on the 8th instant, in the 20. pikes each. —

In short, I cannot recommend that fishing under licenses being discontinued in 15. 16. and 20 pikes each. — It is by the power invested in the licensees who fish in those ponds legally for 4 months in the year, that I am able to detect persons at once, whenever they commit contraventions of the Fisheries act also. —

Since the Rev. Abraham H. Gobbs, church, was before the public on his church land, a fisher, was detected with one of them the bodies of a bream, in, and was applicants for a license to fish in 20. pikes each. —

By this report of mine, you will find, a high official of the County of Lincoln, recommends a petition, signed by his nearest neighbours the Winner and others, fined for contravening of the Fisheries act. — and which I recommend in this instance be not granted by you. —

Now I beg further to report against the prayer of this petition being granted; and more particularly, as the present Warden, the Rev. H. Culf, has charge of the fishing licenses given, he has engaged with that fishing in the 15. 16. and 20 pikes ponds. — Personally, I expect no favour. — I am not interested. —

Done with due respect.

I have the Honor to be,
Your Obedient Servant
Phillips —

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In reply to your Memorandum, No: (1) I will be able to let you know by the latter end of the week, and I will give you Names of all persons, who grid Salmon here. for to grid you Fish in Lake Erie; in part of the Townships of Wainfleet and Humberton for 1879, and 1880. —

In reply to No: (2) I have to inform you, that I know the Name of one Man, who sins the Fish, and when I go round there again, to get up my returns, I will give out particulars for you. — Salmon Fry. planted by the Mr. Wilmot in the Sawgeen Creek into Lake Huron, at Southampton, go down with the current to Mouth St. Clair, at Point Edward, then down River and Lake St. Clair, to Windsor into the Detroit River, and away down this River to Lake Erie, and to the place referred to. —

Or like the Eels, they may have gone up the Welland Canal, and into Lake Erie. —

Several Salmon were caught by Lewis Fisherman, this season in Lake Ontario, at Niagara, and in the Niagara River, — and some of them were like [illegible] ... One fish caught near the 4 Mile pond, in Lake Ontario, by Line fishing, if in good condition would be a very large fish indeed, some say, it would weigh 40. pounds. .. Now the Salmon from its hilly appearance, and very poor condition, as I was told, would lead me to suppose that it came over Niagara Falls. — Sturgeon and Pickerel, frequently come over the Falls. and from their lean appearance and shape afterwards, can be always recognized by the Fishermen at Queenston, and Niagara, when these fish are caught by them. —

I am Yr. Ob. Servt.

Hamilton, Ont.
28. November 1881. — [illegible]

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Fishery Overseer.

Copy.

Department of Marine and Fisheries,—
"Fisheries Branch",—

Sir.— Ottawa, 24th November 1881.—

In answer to your letter of 18th instant, I am to instruct you to request Mr. Leary to send you the money he has collected for spearing licenses, &c. which you will remit here.—

You may also issue a license in his name, for the privilege of fishing a boat &c in carrying back, Long point, free of charge, in the same manner as was done last year.—

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
W. F. Whitcher
Commissioner of Fisheries.—

J. W. Kerr Esqre M.P.
Hamilton.

My dear Sir.—

I send you by to days mail, a license, free, for to fish one Boat &c, within the Company's license limits on Long point in Lake Erie.—

Having reported to Mr. Whitcher, the Commissioner, that you also had on hand the sum of three dollars,— I herewith send you Copy of his reply in the premises.—

We are all well, and with my warm regards to you and yours — Believe me,

Yours Sincerely.—
John Wilkes
Fishery Overseer.
Hamilton, Ont.
22. Nov: 1881.—

W. H. Leary Esqre M.P.
Steward, F. F.
Long Point.
Port Rowan, Ont.

by pass and work
Govern yourself accordingly.—
Wilkes — Sec.

Fishery Overseer's Office.
Hamilton, 29. November 1861.

Sir

With reference to your decision in the applications of Messrs Hicks and Munro to get some plots in the Humber Bay, west of the City of Toronto, in Lake Ontario, and which you deem it advisable not to grant.- I now attach for your information the application that I received from Mr. Charles Munro, and this I intended to submit and recommend to you for consideration, early next year. Dated May 4. 1861.-

But the matter being strong upon me, by Mr. Hallimell's application for Mr. E. L. Hicks,- I had now looked this document, otherwise I would have sent it for your consideration at the time.-

If you will be pleased to grant the permission, to Mr. Charles Munro, who is most desirous of obtaining a license for to get a Some Plot, single pot, or two in Lake Ontario, I would respectfully recommend, that the same be granted to him to get at or near Whelan point, which is about half way in Lake Ontario, between the Humber, and Mt Credit.--

It will be necessary that another place be provided, if being, and the plot fishing are disallowed in the bay, within the limits comprised between the Exhibition Wharf and Etobicoke Creek.- Have with much respect.---

I Have the Honor to be.—
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant
Fishery Overseer.

W. Whitcher Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa.---

Hamilton, Cant^{o}.
28. Mar: 1851.—

My dear Sir,

Yours of the 24th instant, duly received! Some person must be playing us false, as no other grounds for sale having at Niagara have been published there... I was ordered to send to the Department of Crown Lands at Ottawa; a sketch, showing the unoccupied grounds at present held under license, and the amount paid yearly by each person; this I did on the 5. November instant... please this to mind ago. I saw Hamilton from the Post Station, and I had a conversation with him, about you and the getting a few grounds.....

I recommended six new sale fishing grounds, to be laid off. but I cannot tell you, how my recommendation may be received by the Colonial Parliament... They may perhaps think we have already enough of sale fishing grounds; and decline to open up any more... Letting too many white fish, and making unprofitable sales tells bad tale, towards increasing the sale fishing grounds. as soon as I receive orders, you shall hear from me.. And believe me, Yours truly.— J. Gilkison, P. C.^{s}

Copy.

Hamilton, Septr 14. 1854.—

The Honble
Hilary Bidwell.
Provincial Secretary.
Toronto.

Dear Sir,—

I enclose herewith a petition for fishing grounds at Niagara, I beg to make application for the same, which I trust will meet with favorable consideration.—

Hitherto I have had the sole right of fishing on all those grounds.— I am Sir, Your obed^{t} Servant.

J. Gilkison.
P. C.^{s}

Hamilton. Ont.ᵒ

My dear Mr Hughes,-

Yours of the 22nd instant, was duly received; and now with regard to the Woolen Factory, and dye stuffs, in Orangeville; carried by a small stream into the waters of a Branch of the River Credit; inhabited by some of the fishes named in the fisheries act; and for my opinion on the subject ---

I have had some experience in cases of this Kind you now refer to, and I may candidly tell you; that the impression made on my mind, by the owners of Woolen factories is this: that they never get rid of their dye stuffs, so long as it is of any use to them; or if I may be more plain to you, until the deleterious properties of the same are destroyed; by constant use; and which is soon done by a good supply of fresh water; plenty of good, clean fresh spring water will always destroy the deadly properties: and injurious effects of all dye stuffs. -- If it does not then say, why you will soon begin to make

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discoveries. by finding dead fish in the River, in to which the dye stuff flows; &c. &c. -

Evaporation is very rapid, when those dye stuffs of various deadly Kinds, "particularly to fish", as you are aware, are repeatedly passed through clear water, before being emptied into the stream you now refer to; as sixty rods. 330. yards, from the factory to the River Credit, where it must wash before any sparkled trout come in contact with such stuff, then to my mind it becomes perfectly harmless. -

All that is necessary for you, is to see, that those Woolen factory people, owners and employés are careful --- and do you at all times impress this on their minds. - And dont mind what the Owner tells you, always be governed by your own common good sense and Judgement; and the dictates of your own mind in such matters. - The less we come in contact with manufacturing institutions, except to warn, advise and hold friendly counsel as in this case, the better, and so much the better, and always to the purpose. ---

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And now a few words about our pholla cakes. "to use a common phrase";— I have had two bad sick spells during this season, but I am at present in good fair health.— I have had nearly all my old division on Lake Erie, to begin to attend to, since 1st of April last to attend to, besides my own division.— The Overseer up there being under suspension for appropriating license money, to his own use.— I have collected up there $750. dollars this year, and paid it in to the department, at Ottawa.— Well and how do you get on. I hope you are getting along to your satisfaction.— please send me a Memorandum of fines, &c: of persons, and amount inflicted with costs, during this present year; about the quantity of speckled trout in Barrels, caught by Anglers, during this present year.— and if the Speckled trout are on the increase, everything in fact, and I will give you the usual kind and welcome answer in my report; also how many miles you travelled in the actual discharge of your duties this Year 1881.—

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You need not send it to me until about the 20. of December next.—

You heard no doubt of the death of the Hon: W. B. Bull.— Our friend - the Right Honble Sir John A. Macdonald, was kindly received last week in Toronto, and took the honors, he most richly deserves, for he is a most splendid fellow, and our greatest living man.—

And now in conclusion, will you be pleased to Kindly remember me to Mrs. Daughter, your daughter and son.— Also Celesina me with Kind, and warm regards to all, and to you as a friend and brother Employee.—

Yours Sincerely.—

W. Hillyard. F. Bowser.

Hamilton, Ont.

28. November 1881.

Andrew Hughson Esqre
Fishery Overseer.—
Brantgerville, Ont.

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Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton 28. November 1881.

Sir.—

On reading over the Copy of my Report, dated 26. November. instant. sent you on Saturday, on the petition of the Warden and the Clerk of the County of Lincoln; I find I have made an error of a Month; which I will ask you to please correct for me.— See first page of Report:— Read!!.

"and expires on the 14th of May in each year."— I should have said, and I meant to have said "and expires on the 14th of April in each year."— Will you be pleased to make this correction, and pardon me for troubling you.—

Also on the 3d. page of my report, will you please read 3 & 4 Months. for 4 & 5 Months.—

And with due respect.

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
J. Whitcher
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries.—
Ottawa.— — —

Memo: for the Hon.ble

On referring to the office books, I find that we issued licenses to the following parties to fish in front of Hamilton (not Burlington) in 78. Licenses paid. - -

D. Reardon, 165 yds: S.J. & W.F. nets — $5.-
Jas: Lusby, 220. - " " 5.-
D. Lumsby 1870. - " " 10.-

These names do not appear among the licenses for 1880:- neither are there any licenses to fish in front of Hamilton (and) or Burlington, among those granted by D.-

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Are you quite sure these fish were genuine Salmon? - How did they go up; through Welland Canal or by land to over some Niagara Falls.?-

J.P.R.-

23/11/81.- See reply herewith! -

23/11/-81.- J.W.Low - D.G.

To the L. O. Receiver

Memorandum for the Receiver.

I have just arrived home from Hamilton, and Port Dover, - and in reply to your 180:2. - Thus: "He has remitted $320. to cover his collections for 1880. - and I really believe it is about all he received!" -

In that I may tell you that he received $360. for Permits alone, from the Fishermen at Port Dover, for year 1880.- besides for the two licenses at Lusby point, and for five Weir fishes in front of Hamilton. - I will send you all in a few days, just because I believe you at least should know it.

Yours. V. V.

J.W.Low -
D. Gunson

Hamilton: Ont.
1st Dec: 1881.

Myl dear Mr. Wardell.-

I was in Rainham on yesterday, where I was told you were fishing... Now my old friend, this is all right and proper, but send me £2. by Mail post at once, and I will immediately send you your Licence.-

How much Money did you pay Mr. Bingham for licence in the year 1880...

And how much did Mr. Bingham take from you for your licence to fish during the year 1881 - please answer me at once, and oblige.-

Yours truly.
J. W. Kerr.-

Mr. Peter Wardell,
Rainham. P. Office,

Hilary Cottage,
Hamilton Cott.
1st December 1881.

	£.
Paper and Envelopes.	30
Telegraphs 40. and 30	£
And 25	£.—
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Expresses charges	75.

30. Nov 1881.— J. W. Kerr.-
D.o.-

Fishery Overseers Office. —
Hamilton, 2. December 1881. —

Sir.

I Have the honor to report, that on Wednesday the 30th of November last, at 11. o'clock, a.m, at Sandusk, in the township of Walpole, and County of Haldimand; I ar= raigned messrs William James Rusling, James La Rose, William Van: Rusling, and Robert Dochstader, of the township of Walpole, before me, and on my oc — Complaint;

"For that they did, on the night of the 8th day of Nov= "ember last, fish for, fish up, catch, take and Kill, from "the Pound Nets Leased by them, set and fished in the "waters of Lake Erie, in the township of Walpole, 30. White "fish, it being Close season for White fish at the time; and in "Contravention of the Fisheries Act." —

On calling upon the defendants to plead; they pleaded guilty, one and all, signed the same; and I fined each of them; ten dollars, without costs; or 30 days in Cayuga Jail; subject to your decision. — —

The owners William James Rusling, and James La Rose, who rent two pounds, and owned boat by the name, from William R Lewis, of Simcoe, for $ 100. dollars a year, and 20. dollars, license fee; besides Keeping all in good repair; was! that they were misled into committing the offence, by Mr John S. Allen, Owner Net. fisherman, and Proprietor of 3 pounds, at, and east of Manitoba, in Lake Erie, who! having been reading over the Fisheries Act, one I sent him, told William Van. Rusling, the close season in the fisheries Act, for White fish, was from the 19th of November, to the 1st of December. — —

I subsequently on my way back, called on Mr John S. Allen, Owner Net fisherman, and Proprietor, and he explained and confirmed statement.

I am W. H Whitcher Esq 2d
Commissioner of Fisheries. —
Ottawa. — — — 1.

but Mr Allen, addded in his conversation with me, that on discovering his error, he instantly despatched a special Messenger to Rusling, and La Rosa, to tell them, and who told them the close season; was from the 1st inst to the 10th inst of November for White fish, as per your public Notice, - posted up in their Boat Houses and fish House at Sandusk. - "You have now the facts of this case. - There was no pre-arrangement, between me and the defendants. I drove up to the fish House - asked Mr Rusling, and La Rosa; "get your crew here before me," - which they did, and I fined them as above stated. - -

The information was conveyed to me by letter from an old friend, who had it from his brother, who had it from Robert Dochstader, one of the crew, and a defendant. - - -

The offence happening at night, it will be to ask the defendants, a mystery how it came to my ears; and I dont suppose Dochstader will suppose to himself, the information came indirectly from him to me. - -

I have now given you all particulars, and as I am at present impressed with the belief, that no other offences have been committed during the recent close season for White fish: I leave those circumstances of the Act, altogether in your hands to be finally disposed of. - - If other offences had been committed I would have heard of it. - - And if it is not considered presumption in me, I will take the liberty to recommend that the fines be allowed to remain in Abeyance as a future guarantee for good behaviour. - that they be seriously reprimanded by you: the same to be read by me to them, and all other persons Net fishermen and Proprietors. - And that Messrs Wm. William J. Rusling, and James La-Rosa, pay your dollars, for the Team, that I came down to Sandusk, and back to Dover. - And with due respect. - - -

I have the Honor, to be, -
Sir, -
Your Obedient Servant. -
John W. Keen. - J. Justice

My dear Mr. Elliot.

Your telegraph was duly received by me on last tuesday, when in Iowa. Just on my way to Port dover. —

I dont understand what Best the Butcher has to do with the place. — I will have him taken up, and punished for threatening. —

In England a Butcher is not allowed on a Jury". ——

Please tell Longhurst to follow the old Track of the fence, as fixed by Charley, and Bill Abbott. —

Have you told Mr. Plumb, M. C. about his noble constituents threat! —

Butchers are always opposed to fish, and fishermen; for the sale of fish hurts the Butchers Market. — Let Best finish my fence down at his

fork. — I will come down next week, and if necessary will remain there, — until the fence is completed. —

Tell Longhurst to go before Mr. William Kerby. J. P., — and complain of Mr. — — Best; and he will enforce the Law. — The town of Niagara has always a number of obstructionists in it.. and I dont wonder at this threat. — —

I hope you are all well, give my Kind regards to Mrs. Elliot and your children, and believe me. —

Yours Sincerely. ——

J. W. Kerr. ——

P. Master. —

Hamilton, Ont.

2. December 1881.

Mr. Thos. Elliot,

Niagara. —

Sir.

Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton. 5. December 1881.—

I have the Honor to receive copy of letter, dated Brouta, 24th ult, November last, addressed to you by Mr. W. D. Bollock, reporting to you again, that there are Jive Boats Jishing here this season, and they are taking more Jish than ever they did.—

This part of the season the Cisco Herring are plentiful, one Boat came in yesterday with 6.700.— I do also inform you, that I will give in my returns to Mr. J. W. Kerr, to be forwarded along with his own.— I have nothing much to inform you of, save the Salmon, is getting into 12. and 16. more than ever I Knew; I have been careful watching them.—

This letter being referred to me (Mr. Kerr.) by you. for his report.— — —

I have now the Honor to report for your information, that in my mind there is nothing extraordinary or unusual in Mr. William Englesdew, and the Messrs. Thomas Joyce, and Brothers, licensed Jishermen, who are Owners of Boats and Nets referred to, Jishing under licenses off Brouta, in Lake Ontario, at this particular season of the year; and it is a matter you are yourself already and always Cognizant of, and made aware of, by my Annual Returns, and Returns, and, except what the object is! Mr. W. D. Bollock, has in view, in writing it to you:— And which I dont care to enquire about!.—

Those Jishermen established this Cisco Jishing, Curing, and smoaking Cisco's,— at Brouta, some years ago, it has turned out, as I am sure you already Know, prosperous to them.— The Joyce's are the sons of old Mr. Rev^d. Joyce, formerly a resident Jisherman on W. J. Whitaker Esqre
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Ottawa.— — — (1.)

on Burlington Beach; with whom I have had so many rows in years gone bye, in upholding the Fisheries Act....

They are now all grown up, steady industrious, sober young men, and are supporting their aged father and mother...

And as residents living in Route, circulate their honest earned money amongst the people of Route. - I highly appreciate those young men at present for their sterling worth. - - - They work during summer at various things, for to make an honest living; And commence on an Oyster bank about the end of October in each year, to fish for Oysters, and they keep it up during winter, and on until April, when they give up for the season. - - -

Thus you will see, there is nothing of a Mem dissonancy in Mr. W.D. Pollocks report. - -

About Mr. Pollocks returns for the year; they are very trifling. - And as to that part of Mr. Pollocks letter about the Salmon getting into 12. and 16. Mile Creeks more than ever I Knew. - -

I may as well tell you candidly, I have only heard of one pair of salmon being in the 16 Mile Creek. - And only a few Salmon more than this, during spawning season, being in the 12. Mile Creek, which was always in past years, a better Salmon Creek, than the 16. Mile Creek. -

The water is every year recently so low during the spawning season, that to find salmon therein any more, a Fishery Officer, would require "Eyes of Argus", - as well as a pair of good piercing penetrating eyes of his own to see and find them. - - - Mr. Pollock, has not reported the salmon to me, altho' I drew his attention to their protection at the proper time. - Every thing will be correctly and truly reported to you at the proper time....

I have nothing more to say in reply to the little old man's letter; I presume he means well, and I believe he does his duty in looking after the 12. and 16. Mile creeks, for which he was appointed, upon

12,

the recommendation of Mr. Mackreamy. etc. jr. for the County of Walton. — And with due respect. —

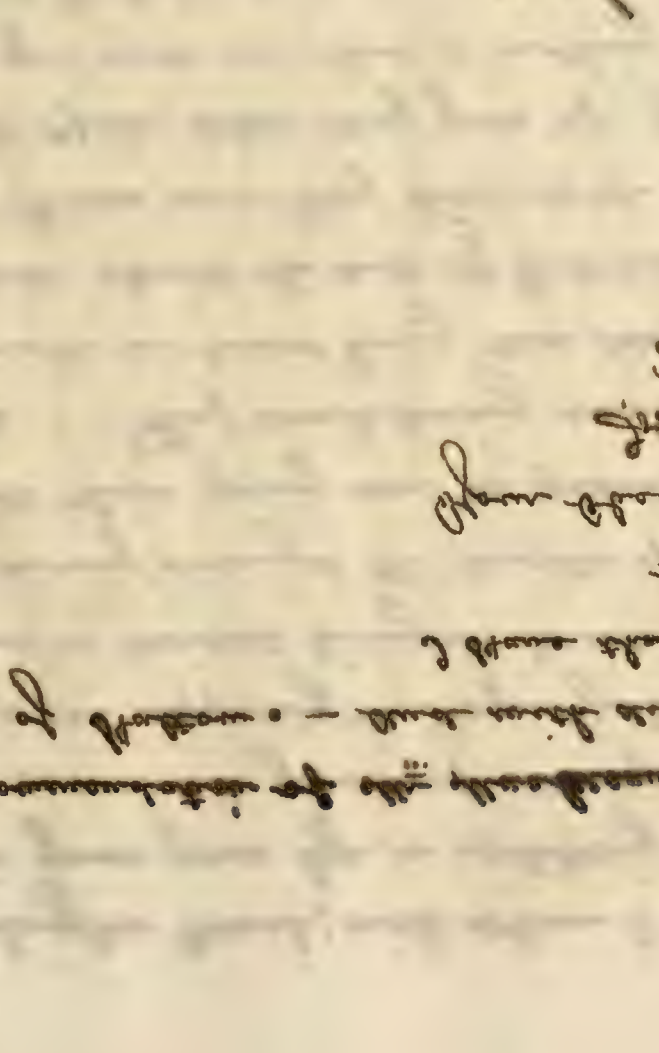
I have the Honor to be. —

Sir. —

Your Obedient Servant

John W. Kerr. —

Tisbury Carrier.



Sir.

Fishery Overseer's Office.—
Hamilton 5. December 1881.—

I Have the honor to send you Bank draft. No: 116. for the sum of Fifteen. $^{50}/_{100}$ dollars.—

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows:
1. Samuel Smoke.—East Flamb. For a license to spear Herring in the Open waters of Burlington Bay, and Dundas Marsh. from 10th of November, to the 15th of December 1881.—and from the 1st January, to the 14th day of April 1882. for Bass, pike and Herring. in the same places, under the Ice.— Amount is only.— $1.00.—
2. Columbus Hopkins.—Flamboro; .. do.— 1.00.—
3. John W. Lyons.— do.— do.— 1.00.—
4. W. J. Chung.—Hamilton.— do.— 1.00.—
5. Lewis Wells.—Flamboro.— do.— 1.00.—
6. Charles Forsyth, Ancaster.— do.— 1.00.—
7. Levi Baker.—Flamboro.— do.— 1.00.—
8. Abraham Baker.— do.— do. 1.00.—
9. John Bamberger, Ancaster.— do.— 1.00.—
10. Shipman Cummins. Flamboro.— do.— 1.00.—
12. Albert Lyons—Flamboro.— do.— 1.00.—
13. Thomas Merritt.—Flamboro.— do.— 1.00.—
14. Gabriel Hopkins.—Flamboro.— do.— 1.00.—
15. Henry Almas.—Flamboro.— do.— 1.00.—
16. Danl. Young.—Flamboro.—on apt. —.50.—
Omitted.— 11. William Curtis.—Flamboro.—in Jail.— 1.00.—

Total. $ 15.50

I may add, the Herring "Gill nets" are very numerous, altho' late in coming; are large and in excellent condition.— And with due respect.—

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir,—
Your Obedient Servant
Wm. Wilkie
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esqre.
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa.

Fishery Bureau's Office.—
Hamilton, 5. December 1881.—

Sir,

I have the Honor to send you Bank draft No: 120, for the sum of Ten dollars.— —

Will you be pleased to apply this amount, for this current season, Viz. as follows: —

1. F. H. Covey, Burlington Beach; Rebate in full. for Seine hauling license in Lake Ontario, on B. Beach, during this current season of 1881. — $ 5.00.—

2. George Dracner, Hamilton: For a license to spear Herring in the open waters of Burlington Bay, and Dundas Marsh, from 10th of November to the 15th of December 1881.—And from the 1st of January to the 14th day of April 1882, for Pike, Bass, and Herring in the same places, under the Act.— amount is only.— $ 1.00.—

3. D. Langdon, Hamilton,— do,— do,— " 1.00.—

4. Brock Lyons, Flamboro.— do.— do.— " 1.00.—

5. William Lyons.— do, do,— do.— " 1.00.—

6. Archibald McCoy, Hamilton.— do.— do.— " 1.00.—

Total $ 10.00

And with due respect,

I have the Honor to be,
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant
W. H. Wilkes.—
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa.— — —

Fishery Overseer's Office. -
Hamilton. 5. December 1881. -

Sir

It is with feelings of regret I have to report to you the sudden death of Mr. David Ward. Sr. of Toronto Island. Fisherman. . .

Mr. Ward. altho apparently rough at first sight. in outward appearance. was a very Kindly warm hearted good natured man, most civil and obliging to every man. - -

And as regards the fisheries department. at Ottawa: he always expressed himself in warm terms of friendship for you all. - - Whenever little Knotty matters came up. poor good natured Dave as he was familiarly called: would enthusiastically say: I leave it all to you and the Fisheries department. you have been always Kind. and have done all you could for our benefit. - There is now only one Fisherman (besides) alive on Toronto Island. whom I met there in the year 1865. - - John Ward. John Hanlon. William Wallace. James Goodwin. Leonard Pearl. Robert Gray. and others: dead and gone. may they rest in peace.

And with due respect. -

I Have the Honor to be.
Sir. -
Your obedient Servant.
John Kerr. -
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa. - - -

P.S. - I send attached. tribute of respect paid de- by the Toronto Mail. - John Kerr. - F.O.

Memorandum for Mr S. O. Bauset,
Fisheries Department.
Ottawa. - -

Mr C. L. Bingham. - Was paid in 1880. - -
For pound Nets. -

			$	¢
W. P. Innis, at Port Dover. - -	2, pounds. -		80.	00. -
Moore & Coy. do. - -	3. pounds. -		120.	00. -
Innis. - at Sandusk. - -	1. pound. -		40.	00. -
do. -	1.	do. -	20.	00. -
Ainsley and Allen, Hauticoke,	2 pounds. -		80.	00. -
do.	do. 1.	do. -	20.	00. -

For Gill Nets. - at Rainham. -

Key Darius Swartz. -	do. -	10.	00. -
" Absalom Hoover, -	do. -	5.	00. -
" Isaac Culp, - -	do. -	5.	00. -
" Chris Shank. -	do. -	2.	00. -
" George Howard & Coy. Waspole.		4.	00. -

For Seine Nets &c. at Turkey point. -

Key James Cornbolt,	do. -	10.	00. -
" Mrs Aegla Ferris.	do. -	10.	00. -
" Charles Ferris. -	do. -	5.	00. -
" William Snook. -	do. -	15.	00. -
" do, -	do.	5.	00. -
" Lucy Jackson.	do. -	5.	00. -
" William Holmes. -	do. -	25.	00. -
" Walter Anderson & Coy. -	do. -	20.	00. -
" August Shoemacher. -	do. -	8.	00. -
" John Anderson & Coy. -	do. -	5.	00. -

Besides dip Nets. Hooks and spearing amounting to
about $50. or between $50. and $100. -

John W. Kerr
Deputy Overseer.

Hamilton. Ont.
7th December 1881. - -

He claims amount was paid in 1879. - See letter 2.0.

Nets see B. for 2nd depth. 2'9: 00 4 Dec 1880

Fishery Cruizer off the . . —
Hamilton. 6. December. 1824. —

Sir.

I have the honor to recommend that you will be pleased to issue a Warrant for One Hundred dollars, for to pay Mr. Job Gordon, & fourteen men Duffins Creek, and Mr. Daniel Lawrence, Light Watchman on the same, during Salmon spawning &c. time that is October, and November last. —

Mr. Gordon attends to the most all the year round. — Mr. Lawrence was very attentive during the spawning season. She to procure the life of the Salmon that got out of the water. —

The water being very low in Duffins Creek, this year much lower than previous years. — She has not yet taken the water in the Creek, the water being too muddy: the Salmon were done at night working on the bar. as some parent fish were during day time, on several occasions. — I recommend this matter to be put up at once, before Christmas. —

Further particulars will be given in my annual Report. — I am with much respect

I have the honor to be,
Sir. —
Your Obedient Servant
Whitcher —
Fishery Overseer

The Honble Lyman
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa. — —

Sidney Crossing Office.—
Hamilton, 6. December 1881.—

Sir.

I Have the honor to send you Bank draft No 1[illegible], for the sum of Ten dollars.——

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for this current year, as follows:

1. Richard Joyce, Grants: For three years to pick three years of time for Mile in Lake Ontario in front of the Township of Sidney for current year.——$3.33.

2. James Joyce, Grants. For the 1st time to pick three years of time for Mile in Lake Ontario in front of the Township of Sidney for current year.——$3.33

$3.33. $10.00

Will you please send me a Receipt for these Grants I applied for Richard Joyce Grants.——Sidney Post Office receives it.—Hoping with due respect.—

I Have the Honor &c &c.

Sir.—

Your Obedient Servant

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Sidney Crossing.

[illegible]
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa.———

Fishery Overseer's Office.—
Hamilton, 8. December 1866.—

Sir.

I have to report for your information, that Robert Joyce, of Beverly, youngest son of the late Benjamin Joyce, an old retired fisherman; happened with a painful accident on last week; he had manoeuvred to [illegible] while getting some boards aboard Joyce's; when handling the rope came in contact with his hand [illegible] and fairly [illegible] thumb, one finger and partly [illegible] besides cutting badly and injuring the [illegible] of his hand, and so prevents him fishing for some time.—

I have take the liberty of recommending that you will be pleased to grant Robert Joyce of Beverly a Fish License: (for to fish One Net containing 3.200 yards of Seine Fish Nets in Lake Ontario in front of the township of Nelson. for this current year only.)

I will send you Mess[rs] William Ingledew, and Robt: Joyce's Fish Net License money in a few days.—
And with due respect.—

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant
John Wilkes
Fishery Overseer

W. F. Whitcher Esq[re]
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa.

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Private!

My dear Ramsey. — —

On the 15th day of last month, I was at Port Hope, and I telegraphed your foreman, to meet me at your station, when the train arrived. — Well you did not meet me; and so I went on to Bowmanville. —

I heard you lifted your Crowds after spring fishing, and did not put them at all or just them in Jail. — I saw your sketches at Port Hope where I called as usual. —

I will thank you to prepare and send me your returns of fish caught under the different heads. — Number of pound nets, Boats, pile driver, piles or poles. &c. &c. &c, and their value. —

How about the Balance of Licence Money for part of year say: what can you do? — I would like very much for to see you. And the first time I go to Prospect, I will visit you. — telegraph, and you could come down by train bring your license for this year along and I will receive a fair square proposition from you, and will try, and settle or recommend to the Fisheries department, Ottawa; whatever I believe as fair and square. —

Give my Kind regards to Mrs Ramsey, Herbert, and the (2) little ones. — —

And believe me,

Yours fraternally. —

J. W. Foster. —

Hamilton. Ont.

8. Dec: 1881.

J. W. Ramsey Esq
&c. &c. &c.
Ridgeway, Ont.

Hamilton, Ont.
9. Dec: 1881.

Dear Sir.—

On the 20th of last Month, I called at your fishing Shanty, on Rainbow; saw your fish-sheds thereon, and your Boat and Nets, outside in front of the door.—And I gave you Notice to that effect then, I saw and spoke with you, also I passed by and found your fishing, on the 16th of November last.—

Will you please send me your Licence Fee of 5. Dollars, on receipt, also the Number of White fish, and Herring caught by you during this current year of 1881. —

I would also like very much to hear from you, the Amount you paid to Mr. L. L. Bingham for your Licence in 1880.— And to him for your Licence in 1879.— I want to make up my returns for this year, so please be punctual.— Yours. &c. &c.

Mr. Isaac Culp. J. Phil. Wilkes.
J. Overseer.

Hamilton, Ont.
9. Dec: 1881.

Private.

My dear Sir.—

I received the plan and description from Mr. Wm. Hall, P. L. Surveyor, Owen Sound, and I took them at once to Mr. A. Nicholson, but it was found that the plan was on a photograph, to be given by you, your wife, Duncan, and Henry, on the property.—

Duncan, Henry, your wife, and you must all sign the photograph, when I come up, and bring you the papers for signature &c.— like your fishing near Fish at Turkey point: Have some for me when I come up, and I will also want your returns of fish caught.— Believe me, yours Friend.—

J. Phil. Wilkes.
D. Overseer.

Mr. Frank Jackson,—
Fisherman,
Turkey Point.

My dear Gillett,

I may tell you, your friend Warden — Insp. Revenue of Hamilton, & the County Council of Lincoln, petitioned the Hon: the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, to stop all Net fishing in the Bay of Hamilton — I don't know the result yet. —

Nets and Lines were fined $2.00 each, and they promised to pay it on Tuesday. —

Keep the enclosed Lines & fills with refer for me. — When convenient, make out returns, and hand them to me. — Please find me as follows: —

1. Cases filled in Nets — the number. —
2. Nets Lines ——— do. —
3. Fish Names & Lengths — do. —
4. Fish caught — Name Net, number of the different Kinds — & Results, value of each.
5. Fish Nets — Fish Net fish ——— Cases, Nets & Lines, 3. Lines Net fish & please give me all particulars. — And as ever, Yours &c. —

Hamilton, Ont.
9. Dec: 1881. — 3

John W. Kerr. —
H. Carscallen

Memorandum for Mr. S. N. Rowell,
Fisheries Department,
Ottawa. — —

Will you be please to send me two Blank Account and diary forms, — for 4th Quarterly accounts. And oblige,

John W. Kerr. —
H. Carscallen

Hamilton, Ont. — 3
10. December 1881. — B

Bronte Dec 15th

My dear Sir.

Will you be pleased to send me your fall list licence Money ~~of~~ of 5. dollars, on receipt. for fishing carried on at Bronte. —

The fisheries department Ottawa, has called on me to send in the amount immediately. expressing surprise why! I have not done so sooner. — With Kind regards.

Yours Sincerely.

J. W. Kerr. —

Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton. Ont.

12. Dec: 1891. —

Mr Hence Joyce.

Fisherman.

Bronte.

My dear Ingledew.

Will you be pleased to send me your licence Money of 5. dollars. on receipt. for this current year. — —

The fisheries department. Ottawa. has called on me to send in the amount immediately. expressing surprise why! I have not done so sooner. —

With Kind regards to Mrs Ingledew. and your family. believe me. as usual. —

Yours Sincerely. —

J. W. Kerr.

Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton. Ont.

12. December 1891. —

Mr William Ingledew.

Fisherman. —

Bronte.

No 5.

My dear Mr: Alderson, —

Will you be so good as to inform me; if all the Rents, Tithes and Arrears included, are Settled for this season. — I wish to come up, and get my returns. — I hope you have Kept straight in your Returns this year, and gained something. — I dont want to come up to Down, any more this year but one time only I now have written to you. —

Will last Saturday, any other previous Saturday, was stormy and wet. —

And in Confidence believe me, — —

Yours faithfully. ——

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J. Cranwell

Hamilton, Cath

12. May: 1881

W. H. Alderson Esqre

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Ant. down. — —

Dear Sir, I do not remember the last time I was [illegible]

12. December 1881. I sent [illegible] Income Taxes. Dog Tax, Net, and Game Licences for years 1881. amounts £6.0.0 £ paid this day 4/5 £ for Stationary. — — J. Wilson. —

J. Cranwell

Hamilton. Cath.

12. Dec: 1881. — J. —

Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton, 18. December 1881.

Sir.

I have the Honor to send you Bank draft No: . for the sum of Eleven dollars $^{50}/_{100}$.—

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows: for this current year (1881.)

1. Hugh Weir. Hamilton: For a License to spear Herring in the Open Waters of Burlington Bay, and Dundas Marsh, from 15th of November, to the 15th of December 1881.— and from 1st of January, to the 14th day of April 1882. for Pike, Bass, and Herring, in the same places, under the Inc. Fr. amount is paid.— (No: Licenses Issued) $1.00,—

2. Robert Hamilton, Hamilton, do.— do.— do.— 1.00.

3. J. Mullock, — Waterdown.— do.— do.— do.— 1.00.

4. Michael Coyle — Hamilton, do.— do.— do.— 1.00.

5. Philip Doyle,— do.— do.— do.— do.— 1.00.

6. Richard Williams.— do.— do.— do.— do.— do.— —.50.

7. Rudolph Frank.— do.— do.— do.— do.— 1.00.

8. Edward Frank,— do.— do.— do.— do.— 1.00.

9. William Walker,— Dundas.— do.— do.— do.— 1.00.

10. William Ward.— do.— do.— do.— do.— 1.00.

11. Charles Collins.— do, do.— do.— do.— 1.00.—

12. Peter Wardell, Raimham, Co.— a Boat License to fish 100 yards of White fish Gill Net, in Lake Ontario, East, in front of Lot No: 21. in the first Concession of Raimham, from 15. November to 31st of December 1881.— please send me this License. 1.00.

And with Much Respect, Total.— $11.50

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant.
Wm. D. Kerr.—
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa. — —

Memorandum for the Fisheries Department. Ottawa. —

I return receipts for $125. in duplicate. —
Have you please sent me a couple packages
of large official Envelopes. as I have nearly done
say need up. —
Hamilton, Ont.
13. December 1881. —

Yours respectfully. —
Jno. D. Sweeny.

Hamilton, Ont.
15. December 1881. —

My dear Sir. —

As I promised, I now send you a
free license for year 1882. — Yours. K. K.
Robt. Joyce. Jno. Kerr. P.O. —
Fisherman.
Bronte, Ont.

Postages.
25 ¢.

My dear Mrs. Hume.

I have just had time to tell my dear Mrs. Hume that I received her kind letter. — Nothing can be more pleasing to me than to hear from my friends. — Mr. Hartley & Mr. Hunt have left me the whole of the Post House. — I am therefore the more obliged to my friends who remember me. — I have not the Post House. — I am very much engaged with my business. Mr. Hunt is very well. — I am very much engaged with my business. Mr. Hunt is very well. — I am very much engaged with my business. Mr. Hunt is very well

"Fishery Overseers Office....
Hamilton. 15. December 1861.-

Sir,

With reference to my report to you dated 21st. of October last, and previous reports, letters and Memorandums in the Chancery Suit of Crooks. vs. Bolton, Jickerman, at the Four Mile pond, in Lake Ontario, township of Niagara...

I may here report for your information, that the Case was up, in the Court at Toronto and was finally settled by agreement, on the 2nd day of November last, The Hon.ble Adam Crooks, on [illegible] Lawyer, Mr. R. R. Waddell, consenting to a Verdict, against for all time to come, not to interfere, nor prevent the Seine hauling in front of his property there, which under the Honorable Gentlemans Title, to the beach, and waters edge of Lake Ontario; I believe he had to some extent the power of doing.--I attended the Trial, and while there, I staked the plan for you, and for my own future information, of the disputed property.--The plan of these staves by the Hon: Adam Crooks, is that on which I have pencilled my name, as well as all the beach in front of it, between the blue pencil marks, as per plan, herewith.--

At the trial, as you will observe by the annexed letter, from Hon: Adam Crooks, to Waddell and Son, Barristers, &c- a letter was referred to, as written by the late John [illegible] late Superintendent of Fisheries, of which I know nothing, and so I informed Mr. Crooks...

I may here tell you, that the Hon: Adam Crooks, has another suit against Mr. Gyo, when mine goes with also fine on the plan, for the same exact piece of land and beach, as yours.. Mr. Gyo is now the owner of the Farm, formerly held by John B. Evans.. and with due respect,

I have the honor to be,
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
Fishery Overseer,

W. D. Whitcher Esqr.
Commissioner of Fisheries...
Toronto

P.S. I have had a letter from Mr. Crooks, since writing the above, and he informs me that he has settled with Mr. Gyo, and that Mr. Gyo is to pay the costs.

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159. For the sum of Five dollars ....

My dear Mr Elliot

I am off to day. for Port dover, to attend a fisherman trial on tuesday. and get up my Annual Returns. - On my return from there. I will come immediately to Niagara. and Lacasaster. for the same purpose. —

I want from you, when I do come down, some smoaked sturgeon. - And of my friends Big Jim. Uncle John or Bates - have fresh fish. I want some of them. —

I am sure you will be all glad to hear. I am now perfectly recovered, and in good health again, and I feel so well and happy over it. - My life I believe is prolonged for some years to come, such is my present feeling and thoughts on this subject. - Glory be to God on high, and on Earth, peace! good will to all mankind, particularly fishermen, their wives and bairns. . . .

Powders, pills, injection of poison into my blood, and system to kill the disease, has cured me most effectually. - - Besides I must not leave out all the Brandy I had to take, to which I may add Big Jims. prayers. and the supplications of my many friends for my recovery so you must think yourself and Mrs Elliot after all. - I have been highly favoured. —

I feel so happy now, that I require no more Medicine of any Kind; makes me big in myself over my late indisposition. - - - -

Give my Kind regards to Mrs Elliot and the girls; — and as my Country folks used to write it in days of yore "& to all enquiring friends"? — Believe me as usual. —

Yours. V. V. —

J. Wilkes —

Hamilton. Ontario.
19. Dec: 1881.

P.S. Not a word yet. about the Flower Lewis fishing grounds. — I dont believe there will be any change, nor increase of grounds. —

Wilkes

Fishery Overseers office.—
Hamilton, 21, December 1881.—

Sir.

I Have the honor to report for your information, that Mrs Alpha Ferris, of Turkey point, who rents fishing Station No: 1.— in the Outer Bay, of Lake Erie, at Turkey Pt. township of Charlottenille; summonsed Frank Jackson, before Esquire Griffin, J.P.— For fishing on No: 1.— fishing Station, as at present licensed to her for this year 1881.— I was telegraphed to come up to the trial, but before I got up there, the case was settled between them; they are brother and sister.—

It was a Kind of test case, encouraged by Wm Helmer; to be brought against Jackson by his sister Mrs Ferris.— Thus far, he has failed in his designs!..—

When Helmer found the case was settled, he posted off to Simcoe, to consult a Lawyer, about, his Ker the fishing ground in Outer Bay of Lake Erie, at Turkey Pt. licensed to him by the department for year 1881.— Setting

Yesterday, when I arrived at Turkey point, I found Mr Salmon, from Simcoe, Wm Helmers lawyer present, Esquire Griffin, and two other Esquires; were on Turkey point, what they were doing there I Know not.—

They Knew I was there, but they did not approach me on any subject.—

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant
John Wilson.—
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa.—

if your approval of Mem Survey at defiance. if

Fishery Overseers Office. —
Hamilton 21. December 1881. —

Sir —

I Have the honor to apply to you for a Seine fishing license, for Wm. William Brook of Turkey point township of Charlottenville: — "For to fish a Seine, not to exceed 500. yards long, on fishing station No: 4. in the Outer Bay of Lake Erie, at Turkey point, during the year 1882, at the rate of $16. dollars, per year" according to the plan and survey made by Wm. Thomas W. Walshe, Provincial Land Surveyor, dated at Simcoe, 27th May 1881. — as approved of, by the Fisheries department, Ottawa. —

I recommend the same. — And with due respect.

I Have the Honor to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

Thos. W. Walshe. —

Fishery Overseer.

W. A. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa. — —

Ob. also his license in the Inner Bay, — to be the same, as for year 1881. —

Thos. W. Walshe — F. Overseer

Fishery Overseers Office, —
Hamilton, 21. December 1881. — —

Sir,

I have the Honor to apply to you, for a Seine hauling license for Mr William Stelcas of Turkey point, township of Charlotteville; — "For to fish a Seine, not to exceed 500. yards long, on fishing Station, No: 3, in the Outa Lake Erie, at Turkey point, during the year 1882, — at the rate of $15 dollars, per year; according to the plan and survey, made by Mr Thomas W. Walshe, Provincial Land Surveyor, dated at Simcoe, 27th May 1881, — as approved of, by the Fisheries department, Ottawa." — —

And with due respect,

I Have the Honor to be,

Sir. —

Your Obedient Servant,

John W. Kerr. —

Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries, —
Ottawa. — — —

P.S. Also his license for Lower Bay, and for deep hole, to be same as for year 1881. ——

John W. Kerr. —

F. Overseer.

Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton, 21. December 1882.—

Sir,

I Have the honor to apply to you, for a Seine hauling License, for Mess. Alpha Ferris, of Turkey point, township of Charlotteville; "For to fish one Seine, not to exceed 500 yards long on fishing station No: 1. in the Outer Bay of Lake Erie, at Turkey point, during the year 1882.—at the rate of $15.— dollars, per year; according to the plan and survey made by Mr. Thomas W. Walshe, Provincial Land Surveyor, dated at Simcoe, 27th May 1881.—as approved of by the Fisheries department, Ottawa".—

The further remarks, I have made in my application for Mr. Francis Jackson, of this date, will apply to this application also.—

Dud with due respect.—

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant,
W. H. Wilson.—
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esq.re
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa.—

P.S. And license for Charles Ferris, for the same Bay. to be the same, as for year 1881.—
W. H. Wilson.—
F. Overseer.

Fishery Overseers Office . . .
Hamilton, 21st December 1864. —

Sir

I have the honor to report, for your information that on Monday evening last, having been informed that persons were setting pike gill Nets in Burlington Bay. — I sent my Son Edward, to row a Boat from the City of Hamilton, to Gages inlet, in the Township of Barton: where I was to meet him, and did meet him with my Son Fred^k^. — On the way down, rowing in front of Grants farm, township of Barton, about 400 yards from shore; he seized a 4 inch mesh, pike gill net, it is nearly new, with new leads, and new corks; — Just as a Sculler by appearance mounted. — I was in another boat, and although I made a long and a diligent search, did not succeed in finding any more gill nets. —

The gill net seized is about 300 yards long. —

I have the honor to be,

Sir. —

Your Obedient Servant

Fishery Overseer

W. F. Whitcher Esqr
Commissioner of Fisheries. ——
Ottawa . . .

Fishery Overseers Office. —
Hamilton 21. December 1881. —

Sir —

I have the honor to send you Bank draft No: — for the sum of Five dollars. — —

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as a Rent Lease to the Thomas Dyer of Oronto; for the fish 3.300. yards of Brass Gill Nets in Lake Ontario in front of the Township of Nelson and Burlington Beach; during the year ending 31st day of December 1882." —

And with due respect,

I Have the Honor to be,

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

H. Wilkes —

Fishery Overseer

W. F. Whitcher Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries
Ottawa. — —

Liskeard Guardians Office. —
November 21. December 1844. —

Sir. —

I have the honor to apply to you for a Loan of Exchequer Bills for the Union of Liskeard for the sum of £500 for a term of [illegible] years for building additional Wards to the Workhouse of Liskeard now erecting which is to be repaid by the Guardians of Liskeard annually at the rate of £50 for ten years according to the plan and estimate made by the Union Architect Lewis Wingrove — dated at Lewes 27th May 1844. — as appears by the Liskeard Corporate Seal. —

Liskeard at present with Loan at Liskeard Gaol in the Union with Bastile Day, is very good. — I was at Liskeard on yesterday. — I take the number in this Union for some months, as it is at present, going on to [illegible] for Poor this to come. — The Reason why I have placed the Loan for £500 for 1000. — I apply for the Loan, so that they may be issued, and I may have Loan at Liskeard to pay them with and deliver them over before the 1st of January 1845. —

I recommend this matter for your favorable consideration and approval, because I understand on yesterday, when at Liskeard that William Nelson, Esquire, has at home to our Union Loans. It is desirous that I am to [illegible] deliver with the Letter and your Orders. —

Hoping and this request. —

I have the Honor to be,
Sir. —
Your Obedient Servant
[illegible]
Liskeard Union

[illegible]
[illegible] of Liskeard
[illegible]

Private!. —

A Correct Memorandum. for Hon S. C. Cornet.
Indian department, Ottawa. —
Hon S. L. Ringland, was paid during year 1880. —
For ground Net Licenses, —

By W. P. Innis. —	at Port dover. —	2. pounds. —	$ 80.00
" Moore & Boy. —	do. —	3. pounds. —	" 120.00.
" W. P. Innis. —	at Sandusk. —	1. pound. —	" 40.00.
" do. —	do. —	1. pound. —	" 20.00.
" Dinsley and Allan.	Manitoba.	1. pound. —	" 20.00.
" do.	do.	2. pounds. —	80.00.

For Gill Nets at Rainham. —

By Darius Swartz. —	"	" 10.00.
" Absalom Hoover. —	"	" 5.00.
" do. —	for Seine, Licence. —	" 2.00.
" Isaac Culp.	for Gill Nets. — Licence. —	" 5.00.
" Christopher Shank. —	do. — "	" 2.00.
" John Law.	do. Woodhouse.	" 8.00.

For Seine, Net licenses, — at L. point.

By James Lowe. Port dover. —		" 5.00.
" James Overholt	Turkey point. —	" 10.00.
" Mrs Sophia Ferris.	do. —	" 15.00.
" Charles Ferris. —	do. —	" 5.00.
" William Smook. —	do. —	" 35.00.
" Lucy Jackson. —	do. —	" 5.00.
" William Palmer. —	do. —	" 25.00.
" Walter Anderson & Boy. —	do. —	" 20.00.
" August Shomacher. —	do. —	" 8.00.
" John Anderson & Boy. —	do. —	" 5.00.
" Dip Nets. Hooks and Lines. and spearing. between 50. and $ 100. — sale it		50.00.
		$ 574.00
By amount paid you. —		325.00
Balance in S. L. Ringlams hands for 1880. —		$ 249.00

Hamilton, Ont. Correct. John Wilson. —
22. December 1881. Hickory Swazey.

B.J. Hamilton 4 pounds Net Licenses at dover. — 1879. — 80. —

Private.

My dear Mr Bancroft

I send you today a Memorandum which will show you and Mr Whitaker, as nearly as I can get at it, the amount Bingham collected as license fees for the last year 1880 - and which you will find is but an amount to what you supposed...

Dont think for a moment that I am prejudiced or unkindly disposed towards Bingham or his Christian wife, far be it from me... I will give $50. to help him out of the scrape - if that would be any ease to him; but I cannot permit you and Mr Whitaker to be led out of the direct Road: "my old and tried friends" without telling you how Bm financial affairs stand for year 1880.

If you consider 450 yards, Scines at S. Paint, instead of 500 yards, as applied for herewith, please make it 450 yards... I have just returned home from S. Paint, and will have to go there once more to complete my returns. &c.. Yours. &c.

Hamilton, Ont. 22. Dec: 1881.

J. W. Keys. — P.O. —

My dear Friends. —

Your last received, and I thank you sincerely for your very kind and warm wishes expressed therein for me and family. —

May God gracious blessing be your portion both now and hereafter. — — —

How pleasant and agreable it is, for us to live in peace good will and friendship one with another. — May it long continue, and be ever lasting. Continued: — The County Council of Lincoln, by petition made a great effort, to stop Mat Jibbing in the 15, 16, and 20, lb, pounds - but signally failed: Shall I apply for, and get a license again for 20. for Dick Gilbert - Fee $ 20, —

Hamilton, Ont°
22. Dec: 1881.

My dear Sir

I am just in receipt of yours of the 19th inst., informing me, that a person by the name of Timber, has been fishing between Yates Gulley, and Port Union, in Lake Ontario; and that you have seized his Nets.—

And that his excuse is, that he wrote to you for a Licence, and pending your answer thought he was Justified in fishing.—

It is no Justification whatever for him to engage in fishing unless under a Licence from the department of Marine and fisheries.—And you done perfectly right to seize his Nets, and you may fine him also, but dont impose or enforce the fine; leave it as a guarantee for future good behaviour.—On his paying you $5. dollars, licence fee, and remitting same to me, I will apply and get him a licence for 1882.—And also have your proceedings confirmed by the fisheries department, at Ottawa.—Timber must not lie to you about me.—

Below please find particulars of his case, and believe me. Yours truly.

Wm. Hellimell,
Fishery Overseer.—
Highland Creek.

J. W. Kerr.
Fishery Overseer

Copy.—

My dear Sir.— Yours received, if you want a license for to fish a seine in Lake Ontario at Yates Gulley; you will have to send me $5. dollars.— On receipt of this money, I will apply to the fisheries department, Ottawa; and obtain for you the license; and I may tell you, you are liable to be fined $20, dollars, and Costs. for fishing without a license.—

Yours, &c.

J. W. Kerr.
Fishery Overseer.
Hamilton. Ont°
10. June 1882.

Mr Adam Limpert,
Scarborough. P. Office.
Ontario.

Fishery Overseers Office...
Hamilton, 24. December 1881.—

Sir,

I have the Honor to send you Bank draft No: 182, for the sum of Ten dollars.——

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows: for this current year, Viz. as follows:—

1. Mr. Henry Sheppard, Queenston: For Seine Hauling Licence in the Niagara River, Viz. already received, and delivered.— Viz. $5.00.

2. Messrs. Charles Bolton, and Danl. Sherlock, Niagara;— For a Boat licence to fish 600. Hooks on lines, between the Black Horse Tavern, in the Niagara River, and the Six Mile Creek, in Lake Ontario, township of Niagara, between the 15th of December 1881.— and the 20th day of April 1882.—

"Hoop Hooks" except in the Niagara River", shall not be set within 2. miles of any Seine hauling ground.— please send me this licence.——— $2.00.

3. Edward Keating & Boy.— Niagara: For do.
do. do. to fish 400. Hooks on lines,
do. do. do. do. do.
"Hoop Hooks, except in the Niagara River"
shall not be set within 2. miles, of any Seine
hauling licence.— please send me this licence.—— 2.00.

Total,— $ 10.00.

I Have the Honor to be.
Sir.
Your Obedient Servant.
Neil McKay.—
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esqre.
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa. — —

Hamilton, Ontario Co^y.
25. Dec^r: 1851.

Private.

My dear Sir.-

I am in receipt of your kind favor of the 11th instant, and in reply have to inform you; that I have not had a single word from any quarter about the B. L. Burying-ground, since you and I parted at Port Dover. I cannot say whether he is to be reinstated or not!!.- Why hang it man, if I was you, I would not allow the matter to give me a thought!!.- I was at Turkey point, last tuesday, it appears Mr^s Davis, as I was told, at the instance of Mr^s William Nelles, summoned up Hank Jackson, her brother, before Squire Griffin, of Townsend, for trespassing on her fishing ground, (the old ground,) by running below a buoy, Charles Davis, illegally placed out in the Lake, to please himself, and put terror in the Jacksons:- Well then! at the instance of Dan: Jackson, of Normandale, the case was settled for the balance of this year 1851, at least.-

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So I found it, when I got up there.--

It appears when I arrived there, that Mr^s Nelles, Squire Griffin, and 1/2 other squires were on the point, and Mr^s James Mc^Kee, at Riley Jackson, whether they were doing the civil thing, or not, I know not.-- and I know they were over; I was on the point, but they never stopped to me; nor I to them.- I talked with Mr^s Mc^Kee.-

I will have to come again about the 14th of January next, when I will notify you to meet me there!.-

Will you please send me an receipt of this, the names of those persons again, whom you have already furnished me with, and amount of fine; same fee's for spearing, applied for, and I will make them out, provided you report, the fine is safe, for spearing.--

So far as Mr^s Mc^K is concerned; here, see, and find out all you can about his daughters; at same time keep a close mouth yourself.- I may now take you. I am perfectly recovered, and restored in good health again, and I feel so happy.

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My dear Sir,—

I send you Lines herewith.—

We agree to pay you 1st of January 1862. commencing on your Book Debts and on other Lines for that year which must pay Lines for you again. pay the Lines in advance for the year, not either of at the end of the year, or the end of every year, when it is so very disagreable to get Lines from poor Fishermen.— Each year ends on 31st of December.— And the New year begins on 1st of January.—

Yours truly,
James L. Hopkins
& Company.

26. December 1861.—

Private

Office of Crown Lands.

Sir,

With reference to the letter of the Hon.ble Adam Brooks, addressed to you in reference to the letter book of the late Superintendent of Fisheries Mr. John Mc.Kenzie, and which you sent to you for perusal in the case of Brooks vs. Byrne. - -

I may here inform you that on receipt of Mr. Brooks letter with your memorandum thereon to me, I reported thereon and I sent the letter to Mr. W. F. Whitcher, Commissioner of Fisheries Ottawa, on the 15th instant; to which I have this morning received a very satisfactory reply, with copies of the letters dated Niagara 10th May 1860, and 20th of June 1860 signed John B Evans: addressed to John McKenzie Esq.re also the copy of a letter dated Office of Superintendent of Fisheries for U.C. Hamilton 16th May 1860, signed by John McKenzie, in reply to John B. Evans, of the 10th May. Which three letters are all with

in reference to the disputed piece of land, at the 2 Mile gauge in front of Dr. Byrnes farm, (Lots John 6. Second farm") on Lake Ontario, in the Township of Niagara. - -

Will you be pleased to inform the Hon.ble Adam Brooks, on the subject, and inform him I am now in a position to appear before the Vice Chancellor produce the letters, and give evidence etc in his favour, and behalf, whenever he makes arrangement that I shall do so. - Believe me.

Yours Faithfully,

Thos. Gibbons

Deputy Surveyor

Hamilton, Ont.

20 December 1861.

R. R. Wheeler Esq.re

Barrister at Law,

&c. &c. &c.

Hamilton. - -

Hamilton, Ont.
20th June 1861.

My dear Mrs Elliot

I got home here at 1.30. p.m. — This Railway connection, dates at N. Bridge. I want you to send me that statute as soon as possible, or that I may pass out with I am in that Main Land of yours....

I found out for the Hon.ble Adam Brooks, where Mr McLeans letter Book is; and I received three letters "Copies" two from the late John B. Seconds, and one from the late John McLean, which proves to me at last, that the disputed piece of land near the 2. Mile pond, down to the waters edge of Lake Ontario, in the township of Niagara is the property of the Hon.ble Adam Brooks; The Indian Encampment Ground, in front of John B. Seconds farm, now owned by Dr Bigne:— Seconds letters (2) are clear on the matter.— I have notified the Hon.ble Adam Brooks, that I am now prepared for to testify for him, before the Vice Chancellor.—

According to my notions of things,

than was high, lofty, and Decked amusing times at Toronto, when you and I were at Toronto.

And it is so fortunate you nor I, had nothing to testify then on the cases before the Court.

I wish Mrs Elliot the girls, Mrs Bur, Mr Strachan the compliments of the day, — including yourself, Big Jim and Mrs Barbarick, and may you all live long, and enjoy many happy, happy returns, of this blessed day. — All are well here, the Baby, a 20. pound Brid, and the Plum pudding, was well enjoyed by us one and all here to-day.

And as for myself, I feel so well, that I am and feel at peace towards all Mankind.....

I got on my arrival in Hamilton, a draft for £10. Licence fees, which I sent away to the fisheries department, yesterday morning. — "And I had it, that no Hooks except up the River, shall be set within 2. Miles of a Shining ground." — Jack Beaulieu, and Bob Taylor, Joe Masters, Abel Hall and John Keith, are I believe fishing Hooks, is it so,! why then! they must all pay Licence fees, and I will get them Licenses. — —

and believe me, Yours. N. Gilkison.
Surveyor
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Fishery Overseer's Office. —
Hamilton, 26. December 1862. —

Sir,

I have the honor to receive from you, (Copy.) of an application, signed, William Nelson, dated, Normandale, 20. December, 1862, for fishing Station No: 3. in Inner Bay, Turkey point; Also Station No: 3. — in the Outer Bay, Turkey point, being licenses to him, for the year 1863, with your letter to me, to report to you thereon. — —

In reply, I have the honor to report, and I recommend; that you will be pleased to grant a Bass fishing license, to the said William Nelson of Turkey point, fisherman; "for to fish one Seine, not to exceed 450. yards long, on fishing Station No: 3 in the Outer Bay, of Lake Erie, at Turkey point, in the township of Charlotteville, during the year 1863, according to the plan, and survey made by the Thomas W. Wade, Provincial Land Surveyor, dated 27th day May 1861; as approved of by you:" At the annual rate of $15.00 cts. for year 1863. — "To commence fishing operations, between 6. o'clock, on saturday evening; and 6. o'clock a.m. on the following Monday morning, in each week." —

And I have also to report and recommend, that you will be pleased to grant a Bass fishing license, to the said William Nelson, of Turkey point, fisherman; — "for to fish one Seine not to exceed 450 yards long, on fishing station No: 3. — in the Inner Bay, of Lake Erie, at Turkey point, in the township of Charlotteville," At the annual rate of $10.00 cts. per year, for 1863 — the said Nelson, is differently situated, from the other fishermen, on Turkey point, having two Seines, fishing; while the other fishermen, have only one Seine, fishing all the year round. — In my application, of the 21st December instant; made for the other fishermen, at Turkey point, I recommend that you will be pleased to [redacted], in each license, one Seine not to exceed 450. yards long. — In application of the 21st of December, instant, $10.00 — I have the honor to be,

W. F. Whitcher Esqr
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Toronto. — —

Your obedient Servant,
M. Hill Jun.
Fishery Overseer.

Private. 10 Hamilton, Ont. 1891

My dear Sir,

On the 15th instant, I submitted your letter, written by you to R. R. Waddell, Esq. Barrister, Hamilton, advising him to make enquiry of me about the late John McCuaig's letter Book and papers, in connection with the Fisheries, and your suit with Dr. Ryan: for the small piece of land at the 2 Mile, front township of Niagara to the Commissioner of Fisheries, Ottawa: from whom I have received 3 letters, dated Niagara, 10. of May 1860, - and 28th of June 1860, signed John B. Secord; also a letter dat Office. Superintendent of Fisheries for U. C. — Hamilton, 12. May 1860 - signed John McCuaig, in reply to John B. Secord's letter of 10th May 1860. —

Those letters are all in reference to that piece of land in dispute between Ryan. —

I have communicated the matter to Mr. R. R. Waddell, who promised to write you, and if you still require me for to give evidence, by your sending me a subpoena. I will come as you requested, before the Vice Chancellor, at Toronto, produce those letters, and give testimony. It might not look well, as you suggested in your letter to Mr. Waddell, for me to appear as a Volunteer, hence why! a subpoena is so necessary. — —

Please advise me, and with thanks I respect. — I have the Honor to be,

My dear Sir, —

Your Obedient Servant

John W. Hope

Deputy Governor

Hamilton, Ont

20. December 1891.

The Hon Mr.

Oliver Mowat. —

Q. C. M. P.

Toronto, Ont.

Private

My dear Mr. Elliot,

I am in receipt of yours of 24. and 27th of December, instant. — As regards the Custom House, I arranged it already, but I am forgot his agreement: I am forgiving to do my part. — —

As regards those two (other) men for Gaspé, I don't want them, we have plenty of our own. — Let them go stargaze Hook fishing for bad I know. Keating and Wade make trouble people; I would not have listened them in the first instance. — It creates so much Jealousy, breeds disturbance, rouses the passions of some people, instance Bob Reid! — —

I suppose I had better apply for your Licence, when 1st of January, arrives. Licence money £40. — from the wharf, in part of Rousseau's, to Kennedys Hollow! — Say about 1,956 yards frontage. —

This is divided into five different grounds, about 976 yards, from Rousseaus wharf, to

this part. I understood you to say, was to be in the names of Hon: Elliot, Hon: Blair, and Self respd. — —

How the balance in your grounds is for about 1.560 yards frontage — this you must in your own Name; Of course I suppose you can arrange in a private way with Sam Blair. — Say nothing to Sam nor to any one else, about this. — It is not necessary to make enemy one as wise as ourselves. —

And so Sam Blair, has turned smuggler, May the deil take you Sam! — I hope you will get your Boat back, if not make him pay you £30. for the Boat. —

You may tell Mr. Blaine, to write Hon: Adam Brooke, what I have written to you. — I believe I can get Mr. Craig's letter Book. — I want you to get from Mr. Robertson the Number of Sturgeon, — tomorrow Saturday, caught by Keating and Wade — 2 John Robertson and Bob Taylor. — 3. Charley Robertson, and Dan: Shalash. 4. Albert Bell & Co. — 5. John Keith & Co. — so that I may add on to my returns. — — And if Uncle John

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Memo.

My dear Sir,-

Will you be please to send me an accurate and correct account of all fish caught by you during the year 1884. - give it by weight, (pounds weight) under the various kinds of fish...

also the length of the lines, in fleets, the rings or hooks; and expense of bait, and value at present.- also the value of the boats hired, and other boats, boules, and fish Houses, hired of Jas. Vz. - Vs. -

please let me have this information as soon as possible.- I wish you all a happy New year, and many happy returns of the same. - Yours truly,

D. McLaren -
Fishery Overseer,
Hamilton, Ont
30. December 1884.

Messrs W. J. Rushing.
and
James La. Rose. -
Sandusk Creek,
O. H. Fisherman.

and me you have caught any thing worthwhile send it to me also. - -

Please get your Dan: Shuford the quantity and kind of fish he caught in his fish Nets. - - and send it to me with the others, and by themselves. - -

We are all very well, please accept our kindest regards. ourselves. We all here wish you many happy returns of the New year. - I was at Port Credit on Wednesday getting up my returns, at a pleasure Journey on Tuesday. - Here is no strange News of late! - and so I have nothing that will interest you or yours. - - -

Give my warm regards to Mrs Elliott and the girls. - Wish Jim, and Mrs Anderson - Lola is younger. - Yours Sincerely.

D. McLaren. -
Hamilton, Ont
30. December 1884.

Mrs Thos Elliott
Niagara. -

Copy.

Department of Marine and Fisheries.
Fisheries Branch.

Ottawa, 29th March 1881.

Sir,

The Minister having suspended Ewenson Bungalow until such time as his default to pay license fees collected during the past season is satisfactorily adjusted, you are hereby instructed to take charge of his district.

Please ascertain the names of parties desiring renewals of fishery licenses and those of new applicants, and report same here for preparation.

I am,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
W. F. Whitcher.
Commissioner of Fisheries.

J. W. Kerr Esq
Hamilton,
Ont.

Fishery Overseers Office. —
Hamilton. 31st December 1866. —

Sir,

I Have the Honor to enclose you, Copy of my appointment to take charge of the Norfolk Division, of the fisheries on Lake Erie; Extending from the division line, between the Counties of Elgin, and Norfolk, to the division line between the Townships of Raleigh and South Dunwich; also Charles L. Bingham, fishery Overseer, suspended. — —

It appears Mr. Binghams salary was $250. a year; he would therefore receive at the time of his suspension, of the my appointment; a quarters salary; in this year 1866. amounting to about $62.50¢, leaving balance $187.50¢ on Hand, for the pay of salary; for the remainder of this year. —

For the manner in which I discharge my duties, in the Norfolk division during the past 9 months, I have the matter entirely in the hands and mind of Mr. D. Allison the Commissioner, and Mr. D. W. Beasley of the Fisheries department, Ottawa, to vouch for; and a. years pay. — — I suppose $150. dollars of the balance on hand, will compensate me, for extra services the [illegible] Counties; I leave this matter at your disposal [illegible] — And as in duty bound; and with profound respect. — —

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir. —
Your Obedient Servant
[illegible]
Fishery Overseer.

The Hon.
R. W. McLellan,
Acting Minister of
Marine and Fisheries,
Ottawa. —

Sir. — 2. January 1882. —

I Have the honor to send you herewith, for your information, consideration, and approval my account, and diary of actual expenses, and disbursements for travel incurred by me, W. while employed on active duty in my own division of Hamilton, and in the Norfolk division of Lake Erie, during the quarter ending 30th day of September 1881. — Amounting to the sum of. $69.65¢

1. Addd. John W. Kerr, Fishery Overseer. for Stationery. " 1.55.—
2. " John W. Kerr, — do. — " Postages.. " 1.75.—
3. " John W. Kerr. — do. — " Telegraphs.. 1.20.—
4. " John W. Kerr.. — do.. — " Office Rent, " 5.00.

Total. — $79.15¢

In submitting this account, I beg most respectfully to report for your information, that you will find I have travelled 1267 Miles, on active duty during this quarter. —

I have only visited such places, where it was necessary for me to do so in connection with the fisheries, and the observance of the laws and rules and regulations, and with due respect. —

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir. —
Your Obedient Servant,
John W. Kerr.
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa. — —

Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton. 2. January 1862.—

Sir,

I have the honor to send you herewith, for your inspection, consideration and approval my account, and diary of actual expenses, and disbursements for that service by me. K. while engaged on active duty in my own division of Hamilton, and in the Port Dalhousie district of Lake Erie, during the quarter ending 31st day of December 1861.—amounting to the sum of £ 122.53 ½

Dalhousie, Port of Hamilton, To Stationery.— 1. " 2.40.—
" Port of Hamilton — do.— " Telegraphs.— 2. " 2.17.—
" Port of Hamilton — do.— " Outages.— 8. " 8.50.—
" Port of Hamilton — do.— " Office Rent &c. " 6.00.—
" Port of Hamilton — do.— " 5.—25.00.—
" Edward Hall, Dalhousie. To Stationery 4.—4.25.—
" Port of Hamilton, Toronto. —

Total. £ 166.35 ½

In submitting this account for your approval, I beg most respectfully to report, that you will find I have travelled about 1861.—miles on public duty during the quarter; and I have only visited places, as occasion required.——And with due respect

I have the honor to be,

Sir,—

Your Obedient Servant

A. Hall Wilson.—

Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esq.re
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa.———

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My dear Mr. Russell

I send herewith
my diary, and interest for the three
quarters ending 30. September - £9. 18.
and - ending 31. December - 166.10.
Total for half year - £141.08.4
I have already received on a/c £100. from you some time ago - -
When you please send me a cheque for the balance £41 as soon as you can, as I find I shall have to divide all my dividend shortly inclusive. hope my self and son be got together and make out wishing you the compliments of the season, many happy returns - and God precious blessing on you - and yours. - I am as ever,
Hamilton, Ont.
2. January 1902 Yours faithfully,

Christmas! for what a vast
store for your future does this bring. - to
some it is a day of the greatest joy! - they
the dark side of life, - as a dreadful
memory. -

I write this evening from my office this
evening. for the City supply for your
last filling gives £20 for the 1st. -
and £15. for the rear. - I hope this will
be agreeable to both. - -

And in conclusion I wish to ask
you both is there anything I can do for
you. - And wishing you many happy
returns, and return of this happy
season of the year to us, one and
all. who may our friendship increase
with the days. - I am, Yours the same. -
Hamilton, Ont.
2. January 1902. -

Hamilton. Ont.
3. January 1882.

My dear Gilbert,

The County Council of Lincoln, having petitioned The Hon. the Minister of Marine and Fisheries.- praying that all Net fishing in the 15. 16. and 20 Mile ponds be stopped, and that the same be set apart exclusively for angling purposes; as the amount of fish caught in those waters was so very trifling.- A copy of this petition being sent to me by the department, with instructions to report thereon. - -

I have to inform you that the department have in reply to my report, stated to Mr. B. Clench. Clerk of the County Council of Lincoln, that the prayer of the petition cannot be

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be granted.- And so ends Mr. Warden hopes, dawning and threats. - -

Meanwhile I have had already five applications made to me for the 20. Mile pond. for Licence at $20. for current year. Money received, I have come to the conclusion to recommend the same to be issued to you for this current year of 1882. at the above date.- Let me know immediately if this will suit you. - -

Mr. Hawkins. Fish dealer, St. Catharines. has applied to me for the 16. th. pond for a Mr. Singer or Leiper. who is he.? - Can he pay $15. dollars - if so. he can have it. if you will recommend him. and he has got the money. - -

Wishing you a happy New year, and many returns to you and yours. -

Believe me. as ever - Your friend. -

J. Tilton

Notary Commissioner -

Wm. Reid Esq. Gilbert

Fisheries.

Hamilton Station Post Office -

Private!

Hamilton, Ont.
3. January 1882. —

My dear Wilmot,

Your kind letter and complimentary card came duly to hand, and for which you will please accept my warm thanks and grateful acknowledgement. — —

Mr. J. B. Plumb, M. P. for Niagara, our esteemed and mutual friend at my request, Mr. Whitcher, having encouraged me to do so, made application to the department at Ottawa, for a grant of $500. for setting up a small fish Breeding House at Niagara, - to this Mr. Whitcher replied, that he had no funds on Hand for such a purpose, but advising Mr. Plumb, to have me apply to you, funds under fish Breeding; being at the department; and that when my application, which I made to you, on the 21st of November last, was forwarded by you and recommended to The Hon. The Minister. — Mr. Whitcher, would aid and assist the enterprise, hence why I wrote you on the subject. — —

In a trifling thing of this Kind, I do not and did not mean to look for success except with your entire concurrence and approval. — Hence my reason of applying officially and above board. — — —

I Have completed 17. years services, as a Fishery Overseer, — and for 15 years of that time I have been advocating the erection of a small Hatchery in my division, but to no effect. — —

Any other letters you may think necessary, I can procure them if you say so. —

Wishing you the compliments of the season, and many happy returns. — Believe me,

Yours fraternally. —

Samuel Wilmot Esqre
Newcastle, Ont.

J. Phil. Wickham —
Fishery Overseer.

P.S. Some of your salmon found in Lake Erie. —

My dear Sir. —

Yours received. I will try and be at Turkey point, on next Tuesday Morning early, when I hope to meet you there. —

No News as yet; any person who wants a licence for to spear in the Lower Bay — can obtain it. by praying. you One dollar. — the spearing will last up to the 14th day of april next. — —

Wishing you the compliments of the season, and many happy returns of the same; Believe me.

Yours Sincerely. —

J W Keen

Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton. Ont.

6. January 1862.

Dear Romans Esqr
J. Jarvis.
Port Royal. Ont.

PS Has Ryglan settled your Account? —

J W K

My dear Sir.

Will you be so good as to meet me tomorrow Morning, "Saturday" with your returns in full, when the 9. a.m. Train, from here arrives. — and with Kind regards to Mrs Romans and family, and wishing you the compliments of the season, and many happy returns, Believe me —

Very Sincerely Yours. —

J W Keen. —

Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton. Ont.

6. January 1862.

My John Romans. —
Fisherman.
Lively. —

My dear Friends.

Wish you to see
us to meet me at Pleasant Grove on
Saturday 2nd after. 9. a.m.
Train. from Lee arrive at 5
Catherines. — and bring your returns. —

Wishing you the compliment of the
season and many happy returns to
you. and Mrs and family. —

Believe me, —

Yours Sincerely.
J. W. Lee

Mr Peter Roth.
Fisher.
Port Dalhousie.
Ont.

Riley Grove.
Hamilton. C.W.
6. January 1852.

Fishery Overseers Office.
Hamilton. 8. January 1882.

Sir.

I have the honor to apply to you, for a license, for this current year 1882, for Messrs Thomas Elliot Thomas Main and John M. Alford, of the Town of Niagara: For a Set fish or Station No: 3. which is situated in the Niagara River. Between Rousseau's wharf and the east end of the Thomas Main's Boat House. containing about 400 yards, liner frontage.

This license is to contain all the usual protective clauses inserted therein for the protection of the fish, and the observance of the law.

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant this License for this current year, at the license fee of Twenty dollars.

And with due respect,
I have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
H. W. Hill
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa.

Fishery Overseers office...
Hamilton. 8. January 1862...

Sir,

I have the honor to apply to you, for a license for this current year 1862.- for the Thomas Island of the Town of Niagara; "for to limit fish on Stations Nos: 4. and "5, situated in the mouth of the Niagara River; between "the east end of Messrs Rent House, which is on the "west side of King street, and the west end of the row "of piles driven in front of Old Fort Mottahanga, being "in the town of Niagara, and containing about 180 yards "of river frontage."—

This license to contain all the usual protective clauses, and observance of the law.---

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant this license for this current year at a license fee of Ten dollars.---

I may here state for your information, that No: 4. is a old fishing ground of about 296. yards, river frontage but it has not been fished on for several years.-- No: 5. has never been fished on during my time, upwards of 16 years.— Nos. 4. and 5. having always been reserved as feeders to No: 3.— To fish on No: 4. might injure and damage the catch on No: 3.— as the fish are all supposed to come up the River.--

And No: 5. is not in a position at present for fishing.- please refer to my report of the 5th of November last.-- As you were some time ago, too much fishing might if sanctioned injure and damage the established grounds,—However, so long as the old fishermen are willing to pay an advance in licenses they should not be disturbed.- I hope this will meet your views.—Once with due respect.—

W. F. McBride Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa. - - -

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
W. F. McBride
Fishery Overseer.

Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton. 8. January 1862.—

Sir

I Have the honor to apply to you. for a license for this current year 1862, for Messrs Thomas Leavitt, and Thomas Weir, of the Town of Niagara — for to Seine fish. on Stations Nos 6. and 7. in Lake Ontario &c. "from the west end of the row of piles driven in front "of the Old Fort, Nottawanga, and Kennedy's Hollow; "containing about 718 yards Lake frontage.—

Niagara

Will you be pleased to insert the usual protective clauses, for fish and the observance of the law, in the license.— No: 7. is reserved as feeder to No: 6.—

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant this license for this current year, at the rate of Fifteen dollars. per annum.—

No: 7. Containing 312 yards frontage, has not been fished on.— It is full of large stones.— Mr Thomas Leavitt, (and his father, during his life time,) has occupied fishing stations Nos 3. 4. 5. 6. and 7.— for about forty five years.— No: 6.— Is a very good spring hauling Seine fishery — It is never fished on during the fall season, And with due respect.—

I Have the Honor to be.
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant
John W. Kerr —
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa. — —

Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton, 6. January 1862.—

Sir,

I Have the honor to apply to you for a li=
cence for this current year 1862.— for Messrs Kate, and
James Kentucks of Niagara. "To to fish a white fish
net Seine, 250. yards long, on fishing station No: 10,— situate at
the Oak Hills pond, in Lake Ontario in the township of
Niagara, containing about 218 yards Lake frontage".—

"No fishing is permitted between 6. o'clock on saturday night
and 6. o'clock, the following monday morning in each week."

"Salmon and female white fish shall be instantly
liberated alive, on being hauled in".— "And excessive fishing
will be stopped in all cases by the confiscation of the
licence of the person so offending".—

I recommend that you will be pleased to
grant this licence for this current year at the rate
of Ten dollars.— There are some stones still to
be got out off this ground.— And with due respect=

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
H. W. Hare
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries
Ottawa.— —

Fishery Overseers office.—
Hamilton, 6. January 1862.—

Sir

I have the honor to apply to you, for a license for this current year 1862, for the Lake Ontario of the town of Niagara: "For a fish, a white fish Seine 220. yards long, of Legal size meshes, on fishing station No: 11.— "situated at the Two Mile pond, in Lake Ontario, in the Town- "ship of Niagara, containing 440, yards of Lake frontage".

The fishing is permitted between 6. o'clock on Saturday night and 6 o'clock, on the following monday morning in each week."

"Salmon, and small white fish, shall be instantly liberated alive, on being hauled in".— "And excessive fishing will be stopped in all cases by the cancelling of the license of the person or persons so offending".—

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant this license for this current year, at the rate of Seventy dollars.— This is an excellent ground.—

And with due respect.—

I have the honor to be,

Sir,—

Your Obedient Servant

A. McKellar

Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esqr
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa. — —

Sheriffs Clerks Office. —
Hamilton 1 January 1818. —

Sir

I have the honor to apply to you for a license for the current year 1818 for eight Ellms and Elmton Quoit Stones and the Kind of the Town of Niagara fishermen: "To gig a legal white fish from the 20th yards long on fishing station No 12. &c. on the west end of Station No 11. on Lake Ontario in the Township of Niagara containing 176 yards Lake frontage."

"The fishing to commence between 6 o'clock on saturday evening and 6 o'clock on the following Monday morning in each week".—

"Salmon and small white fish shall be instantly liberated when so being taken in". "Excessive fishing will be stopped in all cases by cancelling the license at once of the person so offending".—

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant this license for the current year, at the sum of Eight dollars. — Sum with due respect.

I have the Honor to be.

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

Sheriff —

Sidney Sanders

To Wilhelmus Hagerman
Secretary of Province
Niagara

Finlay Kenneth appeared —
Sworn & January 1822 —

I have the honor to apply to you for a
Licence for the current year 1822 for sale of Spirituous
Liquors at the House of the Town of Glengarry
Province Upper Canada Situate Lot No. Concession
Township of No. 12 situate in the Township of Glengarry
Midland District of the Province aforesaid" —

The Petitioner further deposeth & saith on oath
that he is ready to enter into Bond with sufficient
Security in the penalty of Fifty Pounds Currency
to keep a Tavern in the House aforesaid —

"Whereas the above named Petitioner hath prayed to be allowed
a Licence for keeping a Tavern in his House in the Township
of Glengarry in the District aforesaid for the purpose of selling
Spirituous Liquors by Retail in the same by quantities not less
than one Quart at a time to be drunk out of the House
Now therefore I do hereby certify that the said Petitioner
is a person of good fame and character and fit to be
allowed a Licence for the purpose aforesaid —

I recommend that he may be allowed a
Licence for the current year in the
Township of Glengarry —

"This is the first Tavern Licence given by
me Will. Jarvis Esquire, already bought
with your money. Dated with the Seal of
the Midland District
Glengarry — 5th

Your Obedient Servant
Finlay Kenneth

of Finlay Kenneth
Province of Upper
Canada — 5th

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Fishery Overseers office —
Hamilton 1 January 1868. —

Sir —

I have the honor to apply to you for a license for the current year 1868 — for sixty ft Seines and Nets of the size of the Town of Niagara

Yds to Seine — White fish Seine 270 yards long on Fishing station No 11 — situated on Lake Ontario west side of fishing station 9 No: 15 in the township of Niagara and containing 191 yards of Lake frontage:

The fishing as permitted between 6 o'clock on Saturday night and 6 o'clock on the following Monday morning in each week: —

"Seines and meshes white fish shall be entirely limited as long limited as: —

"Spawning fishing will be stopped on all seines by extending the limits at mouth of the season for fishing: —

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant the licenses at the rate of $10 each for the current year. — The fishing station was limited during last season to the only kind for $10. but be more fished on it. — It forms a portion of Hamilton's old limits & has not been given out for months: when you first sent me to Niagara. —

Hoping with much respect. —

I have the honor to be.

Sir —

Your obedient Servant

Overseer —

Fishery

To D McLellan Esq
Commissioner of Fisheries
Ottawa. — — —

Fishing Commrs office.
Buffalo 9 January 1868.—

Sir

I have the honor to report for your information, that I am in receipt of applications for Lake fishing grounds, Nos 3 4 5 6 7 9 10 11 12 13 15 16 and 18. from parties residing that you will be pleased to grant the same. — —

There are still five fishing stations Nos 1. 8. 9. 14. and 17. - vacant and for leasing if you so please. — —

All these stations are situated between the Niagara River, Town of Niagara: - Canada Shipwrecks point, on Lake Ontario, and which is in the County of Niagara. — —

Distance about 15 miles. — —

If you approve, Stations Nos 1. 8. 9. 14. and 17. - might be rented, or offered for leasing at $15. each, payable in advance. — The note from there whether certain persons who have been applying for these five fishing grounds have sent Bonds or not. — If they have sent Bonds at this office, it is about time I should receive notice to that they may know how to proceed with Lease, Notice, Bonds and Rents. - Please reply at your earliest convenience and oblige respectfully

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your obedient servant
Fishery Agent
of the Atlantic Ports
Commissioners of Fisheries.
Albany

P.S. Please send me the Census of Lake Fishermen.

Hamilton Ont.
9. January 1882.—

My dear friend Gordon.—

I have just received a cheque from Ottawa for to pay for out the Dun: Lennox— and only I had made an appointment to meet the Com Masons at Lindsay first. Like this at 10. a.m. on tomorrow morning, I would have started for Picking to see you both this afternoon, for you may be sure I long this week.— my return from Lake Ha...—

I hope you are all in the enjoyment of good health. — I am glad to hear the approach your health is present: I have felt better in my life.— I wish you the compliments of the season, and many happy returns of the same.—

Now all the Bird flies you can escape together for me when I come down, and I will meet Dan. to dine me to Freemasons Hall and Rest then, when I come down.—

Remember me kindly to Lyons Meeting.— He shyes was kept in hiding. I was thinking perhaps it had reached you some other way with I got it on saturday.—

Believe me as usual.—

Yours Sincerely.—
John W. Kerr
Sidney Lennox.—

Mr. Gordon Esq. Lindsay
P. Guardian.—
Dufferin Beach.—
Ont.

(1.)

Hamilton. Ont.
11. January 1902.—

My dear Sir.—

Your telegraph received, and your letter on yesterday last. And as I was on my way to the Office.——

Now in reply to your enquiries: Mr. Elliott and Charles Nolan. paid me $3. for a licence for to fish 100. hooks, with line, and Keating and Boyle or Wade paid me $2. for a licence to fish 100. Hooks. V. V. —

I sent the money to the Fishery department. on 24th of December last. and requested the licences to be granted to them. I have not got the licences them.—

I understand Morrison. Culp- ney & Nolan. the Wells & Elliott. and Masters, are all fishing Hooks and lines. for Oysters.—

They must all pay $3 each as licences for for every 100. Hooks. each person is fishing and this money. I must have for the department at once, otherwise I will come and fine every one of them for fishing without a licence; will you please tell them so; "For the Law is, fishing by means "of Nets and other apparatus is prohibi= "ted in all the waters of Ontario, ex= "cept under Leases or licences from the "Department of Fisheries".——

When these people pay me $3. then you can permit them as licenced fishermen, to fish on your licences fishing ground; read section 13. of the Fisheries act.—

And I may here now add! where is your licence?— It expires on the 31st of December 1901.— so that is just legally speaking Wait, and boy— have no re= newal with the licence is again renewed..

The law of section 13. of the act. is at present a dead letter, so far as you are concerned. under the strict letter

of law.. These Niagara people know all this. Just as well as you and I.— and take any advantage of you..

I applied for your license on the 6th inst, and when I got the writ from to Niagara.. I got back here last night and I am off to Buffalo back on to-morrow.. And before starting, left on to them, for a few days until I see how I am disposed of myself — please write your self, what they of the estate failing in his power this year — if not then, before you write to of 15. together in answer.. Tell young Walter, that with the fishing gut that I have got, I cannot see him when his grounds will be.. The plan grounds will be drawn for, so as to prevent Indians coming on with my hire regards to Mrs Elliot, your self.. Adieu no. Yours sincerely —

Mr Mrs Elliot [illegible]
Niagara. [illegible]

Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton. 11. January 1862.—

Sir.

I Have the honor to report for your information, that on yesterday, the 10th instant, at Turkey point, I met Mr. Lot Spencer. of Port Royal. township of Walsingham, in the County of Norfolk, whom you know personally, he came there, with Owen Romers, Fishery Guardian to see me on business.— Mr. Spencer reported to me, for your information, that Mr. B. L. Ringham. Fishery Overseer. now under suspension, has licensed Nets, Boats, &c. to several persons - fishermen, for the Fisheries department. Ottawa; which he has applied to his own private use: And also, that during close season, for fishing, Mr. B. L. Ringham, has permitted spearing with Jack lights, in the Inner Bay, of Lake Erie, &c. and in Big Creek and Big Marsh. township of Walsingham; which he, Mr. B. L. Ringham, remained in Mr. Lot Spencer's trapping shanty, situated on Big Marsh.. And although 12. Jack lights were out and visible at the time, he Mr. B. L. Ringham, made no effort whatever, to stop such illegal fishing.— Owen Romers, F. Guardian, was present, when Mr. Spencer, made these complaints to me.—

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir,—
Your Obedient Servant,
Sd. Wm. Kerr.—
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries.—
Ottawa.—

Fishery Overseers Office,—
Hamilton, 11. January 1882.—

Sir,

I have just received from you a copy of Mrs Stephen Ferris, application to The Honble The Minister, for a Seine license for fishing station No: 1.—in the Outer Bay, of Turkey point for the year 1882"—and with your instructions to me to report to you thereon.—

In reply I have again the honor to apply, and I beg most respectfully to recommend that you will be pleased to grant a Seine hauling license to Mrs Stephen Ferris, of Turkey point, township of Charlottenille,— for to fish "one Seine, not to exceed 450 yards long, on fishing station "No. 1,— in the Outer Bay of Lake Erie, at Turkey point, "during the year 1882, at the rate of $10. dollars per year; "according to the plan and survey made by Mr Thomas "W. Walshe, Provincial Land Surveyor, dated at Simcoe, 27th "of May 1881,— as approved of by the Fisheries depart- "ment, Ottawa".—

I visited Turkey point, on the 20th of December, last, and at the instance of Charles Ferris the eldest son of this woman, I applied for a similar license.—

Will you be pleased to grant immediately, the Seine hauling licenses for the Outer Bay, Lake Erie, so as to stop all further annoyances.— please insert all the protective clauses in this license.— I Have the Honor to be,

Sir,—

Your Obedient Servant,

John W. Kerr

Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa.—

Hamilton, Ontario
11. January 1922.

Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton, 13. January 1842.—

Sir:

I have the honor to apply to you for a Boat license for Mr. Thomas Perkins, of Port Union, in Lower Canada; Viz to fish 2.000. yards of White or Gill; and 800. yards of Herring gill net, in Lake Ontario, between the Rouge, which is in the Town-ship of Pickering, and Mr. Humphries farm, which is in the Township of Scarboro"— "The same to extend from the beach into the Lake, within the given limits, for a distance of eight miles.— amount.— 7/6.0/4

When you be pleased to send me the license for the same.— I am Mr. Perkins this morning lying in a sick bed, to which he has been confined for the past 2 months.— He has a fall and broke his right hip, and since this happened his right leg has been giving away; it is now only skin and bone.—

He has wife and daughter, with none home to do the fishing, pending his recovery.— I most respectfully beg to recommend, that you will be pleased to grant Mr. Perkins, a free Boat license for this present year; as he has always been a strict observer of the Fishery laws, rules and regulations.—

Respectfully submitted, and with due respect

I have the honor &c.

Sir.—

Your Obedt Servt

W. Hutchison.—

Fishery Overseer.

W. H. Wilcocks Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Office.— — — —

Fishery Bounties office ..
Hamilton 18. January 1862..

Sir.

I have the honor to send you Bank cheque No: 257. for the sum of Twenty dollars...

Will you be pleased to apply this amount, as follows, for this present season...

1. Peter W. Nettle, Bertie: For a license to fish a Seine 100 yards long in the Niagara River, between Kenabeau's Creek, and the Stockdale farm, which is situated in the Township of Bertie, and County of Welland.. £1.0.0.

2, James Martin, Carleton. For a Seine License in Lake Ontario in front of Oakridges Bay, between the south gap, and the Eastern limits of the City of Toronto, for the purpose of fishing a Seine 200 yards long".. The person who occupied that year by Wm. H. Hoskins, who has now sold out all his fishing materials both R. & Wm. Hoskins.. £1.0.0.

3, James Martin of Carleton: For a Seine License to fish 1000 yards of Salmon Trout gill Net, in Lake Ontario, in front of the Township of Scarborough, and County of York." — do, do, do, £1.0.0.

4. Adam Limpert, Gates Gallery: For a Seine License to fish 500 yards of Herring and White fish gill Net in Lake Ontario in front of the township of Scarboro, and County of York, during the year 1862. amount £1.0.0.

Will you be pleased to send me these Licenses for delivery... And with due respect

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,—
Your Obedient Servant
Minister
Fishery Bounty

Wm. H. Hoskins Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries,—
Ottawa.....

Copy.

Fishery Overseers Office.
Hamilton, 16. July 1869.

Sir

I have the honor to report for your information that since my appointment to the Superintendence in Lake Erie, viz, May 1. to this date, I have received on Licenses for fishing in Lake Erie, which I sent to the Fisheries Department Ottawa, a sum of Three hundred, and Ninety dollars.

Of this amount $75 from Owen Sound, Ont. Goderich, Port Royal, Amherstburg and Sandwich $315. from Brock, Wentworth, Halton, Lincoln, Welland, Haldimand, Norfolk, Essex, and Kent Counties, Ont. Only retained $2. per dollar, on a license for fishing Nets, I sent him the balance; I retained $45. dollars, of the amount aforesaid. - -

Now it appears to me to you! that the fishermen, is, of little or no use whatever to the fisheries as are about the Islands; and I do not recommend to you the renewal from Officers. - But I would give one Inspector of Fisheries, at this Agency, I fixing up the spawning Grounds, at Port Credit, for spawning in the Grand River Fishing point, Lake Erie, to keep guard on the Poachers of Persons who have been spearing, and who fishing fishing unless they get such license, and to collect the money from such persons for the Department. - That only; I have written to him, I have heard no more about it. -

I have also directed him to place Messrs. Jackson, Nelson, and Brock, within fishing limits and Ont. as established by the Honorable Wheler, P.E. Surveyor; he has not done so, neither has he written to me on the subject. -

Wm. F. Whitcher Esqr.
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa. - - -

Copy. —

Hamilton, Canty.

4. August 1828. —

My dear Sir. —

With your please give herewith a charge in your favour for Canty. Colleges, which I shall in English, which you will please sign and return to me. Also please let me have at the same time my please your receipt for opening Lines for the Stock on this Gilding with the names and residences of the persons, who have given it to you. —

I have also herewith by the Commissioners of Stations Office, to notify you, that owing to the appointment of my Clerk Mr. Young as resident Tithing Assessor, Young should, this Year, your duties with the new Young regulations. —

I am, —

Your obedient Servant

Hamilton —

Tithing Young

Mr. John McGillivray,

Canty Collector —

Canty

Private!

Hamilton, Lady,
14. January 1800.

Dear Sir,

pray this check for your goodness; Nothing more else to get rid of Rowers at any moment. — Alas! — To oppose one unkind morning last year, Rowers, as a surprise by another man must call on Lady Liv, as he wishes for the purpose of sending the Book of a man, suppose to be finding more Book than he was Liv for! — In running over the lines for the purpose of sending the Book, they found a stranger Name! might Name! this they carried off with them; one applies to their own private use". —

The owner of the Book was known, on hearing of the Transaction, Shortness Money he would take his up, for sending his stranger; Rowers offered Suspicion for the Job; the owner of the Liv — Lady

(P.)

Sentence Suspicion, was Shortness to bring this Paper Knight who was, or is a Book Magistrate was Long Liv Suspicion for the Life. — Rowers, it appears Shortness to Liv Knight Book! from being a Magistrate, as he had had his Gown, and Property qualify relieve. — And as I believe the matter lies under them; as I never have known for Shortness what is. — I may tell you this was another time without in the Custody of the Liv, was refused as Rowers for Ld. my the Jail. — In as that is necessary to be done, will then just before you, as to call on Rowers officially to explain, and I am obliged you that I have known Liv to this was the whole thing, — and so am to get rid of! —

I — obliged to go off to Virginia, this evening when my Service as required Immediately: I have your copy of report under the Seal of Lady Liv as required the original

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Memorandum for the Record

Quite a New thing in fishing for Sturgeon, in Niagara River and L. Ontario, at the Town of Niagara, has suddenly cropped up. See applications for Rent licenses @ 5. each, for to gill Nets and lines, will report more particulars on tomorrow. —

Yours Obediently,
J.W. Kerr. P.O.

Hamilton, Ont
13. January 1882.

now that we has to work, personally I
I have nothing against Lagoon that my
report the contrary. —

In a very recent occasion, the 20. of Oct.
under Cert. I found the right. The fourth
at Lachine point. — upon I got the very
rich nothing to splash the Salmon report
next, and air me; when [illegible] Dr.
Kerr, was endeavouring to have Nets
& winter fishing rights. Hence when
was letter Lagoon we got clear. —

In me like Kerr, I have made
his work. — [illegible] is a favorite with
the community. Leave me you kindly
you at such length. — and believe me,

Yours. H. H.

S.O. Canal Supt
H. H. H.
Ottawa.

Hamilton, Ont
12. Jan: 1882.

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[illegible] Memorandum. Received from
Mr. J. W. Kerr. Fishery Inspector. —

— — —

Memo' from Mr. Kerr. Speaks very
highly of the new Regulations to fish, as
the measure appears to, regards him & it, &
was glad to procure some of the
Nets of his invention that the
Hatchery. —

Yours, &c.
Superintendent.

Hamilton, Ont.
14. January 1892.

Memorandum for the Report.

— — —

Quite a new thing in fishing for Sturgeon
in Niagara River, and L. Ontario, at the Town
of Niagara, has suddenly cropped up, see
applications for Boat licenses $5. each, for
to fish Hooks and Lines, will report more
particulars on tomorrow. —

Yours Obediently,
J. W. Kerr. P.O.

Hamilton, Ont
14. January 1892.

Fishery Overseers Office.
Hamilton. 18. January 1862.—

Sir. —

I have the honor to return to you two licenses granted by you for Richard and Robert John Allan, of Niagara, for two fishing on Stations Nos: 15. and 16. in Lake Ontario, township of Niagara. — —

Evidently from the tenor of your letter, dated 12th of January, which accompanied these and other licenses, you did not intend station No: 15. for Robert John, and Richard Allan; but did intend that No: 15. should be still held by them under license; I therefore recommend that Station No: 15. in Lake Ontario, be now licensed to Messrs. Richard and Robert John Allan, for the year 1862, at a license fee of £20. — and that station No: 16. be licensed to John Hunter, of Niagara, for this current year, at the rate of £15. payable in advance. — — No: 15. and 16. stations, each contain 396 yards frontage. — —

I recommend that fishing station No: 14. containing 300 yards frontage, be licensed to Edward Hunter, for to fish them a line 300 yards long, license for £15. is sent you this day, per letter of this date. —

I recommend station No: 5. containing 300 yards frontage, be licensed to Albert Davy of Niagara for current year, he has also paid license fee of £15. for same. —

And I recommend that Station No: 13. containing about 400 yards frontage be licensed to Messrs. Hate and Jamesbattle of Niagara. at £15. — for current season. —

I recommend that licenses (2) herewith; be now cancelled. But that New licenses (5) be filled up in similar language, and form. — I did not receive any license for 15. and only one license for Messrs. Hate and James battle. —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant,
Robt Wilson, P. Overseer

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa. —

Fishery Overseers office. --
Hamilton. 12. January 1882. --

Sir. —

I have the honor to send you Bank draft No: 73, for the sum of One Hundred and Thirteen dollars.

Will you be please to apply this amount for this current season, as follows: -

1. Thomas Elliot, and Bro. - Niagara. - On a/ct of Seine licence to fish on Station Nos: 3. 4. 5. 6. and 7. in the Niagara River, $ 30.00
already received and delivered. - - - Now sent, -

2. John Bolton, Niagara, On a/ct of Seine licence, for to fish on Station No: 11, in Lake Ontario, at the two Mile pond, $ 20.00.
already received and delivered, -

3. Albert Davey, Niagara, On a/ct of a Seine licence, for to fish on Station No: 8, in Lake Ontario, herewith applied $ 15.00.
for this day. —

4. Edward Wootton, Niagara, on a/ct of a Seine licence, for to fish on station No: 14, in Lake Ontario, herewith ap- $ 15.00.
plied for this day. - -

5. John Bolton, and William Davis, Niagara. For a Boat licence, to fish Hooks and lines in Lake Ontario and the Niagara River, that is to say; between the Ice House Tavern, on the Niagara River, and the Two Mile Creek, on Lake Ontario; "with the sanction and permission of the "licensee, Hooks and lines may be fished within the li- "censed limits of Seine landing grounds": This licence will ex- pire on the 31st day of March 1882, and may be re- newed again on the 1st of November next, but terminates altogether, on the 31st day of December 1882. Fee, - $ 5.00.

6. — Messrs. Albert and Charles Ball, Niagara. - do, $ 4.00.
do. - $ 5.00 Now sent on a/ct. -

7. Edward Keating, and Jos: Wade, Niagara, do, -
Balance of licence, see application, 24th of December, $ 5.00.
1881. - Licence fee is $ 5.00 now sent. - -

W. F. Whitcher Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa. - - -

8. John Redhead, Niagara, do, do, do, ₰. 5. 00.

9. Robert Bishop, Robert Taylor and Robert Reid of Niagara. (1 Boat) do, do, do, ₰. 5. 00.

10. Charles Bolton and Dan Shaler, Niagara. — do. do. — License fee ₰5.00₰, see application of the 24th of December 1881, — Now sent herewith, — ₰. 2. 00.

11. Robert Bishop, Robert Patterson, John Mills and Patrick Moran, Niagara, — (1 Boat) do. do. — ₰. 5. 00.

12. — Robert John Allan, and Richard Allan, of Niagara do, do, do, do, ₰. 5. 00.

13. Messrs John O'Brien, Timothy D'Esmond, and Fred Bull, Niagara, (1 Boat,) do. do. do. ₰. 5. 00.

Total. ₰. 119. 00₰.

Will you be pleased to send me as soon as possible the Boat Licenses, for catching Sturgeon with Hooks and Lines, as herein applied for, and which I recommend for your consideration. — And with due respect. —

I have the Honor to be,

Sir. —

Your Obedient Servant

John W. Kirby

Fishery Overseer.

1882.—

The Names of Fishermen at Niagara, fishing Hooks, and Lines for Sturgeon; and who have paid Licenses: — —

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1. Alex. Lobb Bolton, 1. Boat, — William Davis, fishes with Lein. — — paid. —
2. Messrs. Albert and Charles Bell. — paid. — 1. Boat.
3. Messrs. Edward Keating, and Joseph Davis, paid, one Boat. —
4. John Redhead. — One Boat, paid. —
5. Robert Bishop. — Robert Taylor, and Robert Reid — fishes one Boat for Lein, — the Bishop paid. —
6. — Messrs. Charles Bolton and Dan: Shulock, one Boat, paid Licence for. — —
7. Robert Bishop, — Robert Patterson, John Hills, and Patrick Moran, — fish one Boat, — the Bishop paid.
8. Robert John, and Richard Allan — 1. Boat. paid.
9. Messrs. John O'Neil, Timothy Desmond, and John Cull, — 1. Boat, paid. —
10. James Bushell, and Richard Shulock, 1. Boat. — " —
11. Joseph Hunter, and John Hunt, — 1. Boat. — " —

N.B. — I hereby give Notice, and I warn these persons, young and old; who are transgressing, and breaking the Fishery laws, that unless they take out licenses, I will take legal proceedings against them: also I will take immediate proceedings against the Boats, who have been buying fish illegally caught. — —

Niagara, Ont. —
10. January 1882.

John W. Kerr
Fishery Overseer.

Note! I empower the Hon. Lieut. Niagara. to receive in the mean time of 5. from any person, a resident of Niagara, for one; who requires a license for to fish Hooks and lines in One Boat, — J. W. Kerr
F.O.

Immediate.

Sir.

I have received your license, for to fish ~~###~~ a Seine in the Inner Bay, on station No: 9. Lake Erie, at Turkey point, amount of license fee is $ 10. dollars. —

You will please send me ~~###~~ ten dollars, on receipt and I will ~~###~~ your license, addressed to you at Normandale. —

Yours &c.
John W Kerr —
Fishery Overseer.
Hamilton. Ont.
18. January 1882.

Mr Charles Ferris.
Fisherman.
Turkey point.
Normandale.
P. office.

Sir. —

I have received your license for to fish a Seine in the Outer Bay, on Station No: 8 — Turkey point, amount of 15. dollars; and a license for to fish on No: 9, in the Inner Bay Turkey point, amount $ 10. dollars, —

You will please send me of 25. dollars, and I will send your licenses on receipt, addressed to you at Normandale. —

Yours &c.
John W Kerr. —
Fishery Overseer.
Hamilton, Ont.
18. January 1882.

Mr William Nelson.
Fisherman.
Turkey point.
Normandale P. Office.

Hamilton. Ont.
18. January 1882.

My dear Mr. Elliott.

I send you Notice, which you will please post up. — Receive for me. $5. from Billy Patterson, Wm Dolan $5. from Martin Harrison and Wright $5. — I believe John Rayner, and Billy Matthews gailes for Dolan, — in fact I saw them myself. — I know exactly the plan that is being resorted to, by certain persons to evade the law; but I am determined that shall be no (blair) more smuggling about it. — I shall $119. dollars to Ottawa this day; I collected from you and others; for licences, at Niagara; please tell Bob Nair, to take down for me the Names of those persons who are now gailing without a licence which is now easily to be done. Kind regards to all. — you help Bob. — Yours Ts. John Wilson
Bailey Cameron

Immediate.

Madam,

I have received your licence for to gail a boat in the Inter Bay, on Station No: 1. Turkey point, Lake Erie, amount is $15. dollars. — By your sending me this amount for the Fisheries department. I will send the licence to your address, at Normandale. —

Yours, Ts.
John Wilson.
Bailey Cameron.
Hamilton. Ont.
18. January 1882.

Mrs Sarah Jones,
Turkey point
Normandale. P. Office.

Hamilton, Ont.
18. January 1883.

My dear Mr. Abbott,

I have your letter,
which you must please treat as private. Between you
and me, I am really bothered how to act. I am
not sure that I can conscientiously support the
Government, and yet I am not sure that I can
conscientiously oppose them. I am inclined to think
that I will support them, but I am not sure that
I will not be misunderstood by my friends. I
have always endeavored to act honestly by my
constituents, and I have always succeeded in
doing so, but I am afraid that I will not be able
to do so this time. I am afraid that I will not be able
to do so this time. I am afraid that I will not be able
to do so this time.

Copy.

Niagara,
11th March 1800.—

To Lt. Thos. Lyons
Lt. Colonels H.M.—

Dear Sir

Will you have the Kindness to inform me what the result of your enquiries at the seat of Government was respecting the land at the fishing ground at the mouth of the Two Mile Creek, occupied by the — Indians.—

You is becoming a greater nuisance than can be, having taken away a portion of my fence, and [illegible] other trespasses.—

By giving me an answer at your earliest convenience you will oblige a great favour to

Your Obedient Servant

Lt. Col. [illegible]

Copies of Letters of Thomas Jefferson to the
Secretary of War, 1803-1804.

Dear Sir

I have received your letter of the 12th inst. and
beg to inform you that I have this day nominated
Lieutenant [illegible] Lieutenant of the Artillery
Corps, requesting to be informed without delay, under
what species of title the family claims a right to the
[illegible] ownership of the [illegible] of the Land in ques-
tion between the [illegible] and the mouth
of the Wisconsin River, mentioned by the memo-
rialists [illegible] Grenadier. —

I shall be glad to be informed of the [illegible]
from the Secretary of War, I shall in that case
be supposed to decide it as a [illegible] matter,
as matter of duties with you. The progress, as
the [illegible] of the [illegible] in all [illegible]. —

In [illegible] of [illegible] reply I will [illegible]
communicate with you on this subject. —

Dear Sir
Your [illegible]
[illegible]
Secretary of War. —

Mr. [illegible]
Virginia. —

Sidney Sussex College.—

Dear Sir, January 1818.—

With reference to your letter of the 10th of December last, in the matter of dispute between Dr Parr and Mr Lyon, of the Town of Hitchin:— Enclosing to me copies of the letter from Mr J. A. Lyon to the late Inspector of Schools for Upper Canada respecting a Mr Wardell note attached to my communication to you, dated 17th of December last.—

I understand from the Hon. Adam Lamb, and the Lawyer for Dr Parr, that the cause stands for the Court of Chancery, on the 4th of February next; and as I have heard & know I am to be subpoenaed to produce the letters referred to, with you the Plaintiff & Mr Lyon the Original letters for that purpose.— The copies I possess would be of little, or no use without the originals in a Court of Law.— Hoping with due respect.

I have the Honor &c.

Sir,—

Your Most Obedient

Humble Servant

Rt. Hon. Robert Banks

Secretary of State.

Hitchin.

Memorandum for Mr Russell — Dept. of Ottawa —

In my application made for Licence, on the 18th instant, you will please find that I applied for three Licences to fish 9 Nets with Hooks and Lines in the Niagara River and Lake Ontario in the neighbourhood of the Town of Niagara at 40 dollars Net. Viz — for catching Sturgeon. — —

I may here tell you that this Sturgeon fishing was originated in the first place by Mr James Kerbodo, and he was for Buffalo some Time starting me for them and myself, that in I encouraged it by applying to you for Licences, see letter of 24th of December last, not yet received. — The thing proves to encourage, and starting and Well. — Charles Perkins left Port Colborne; — That the other three Nets are fishing with my Brother Lawrence fishing, and they have all done well. —

The fish when caught are thence packed and boxed up for the Buffalo Market, where they are sold at Cents, per pound. — These Buffalo men have taken the Niagara fishermen how to catch Sturgeon. — And they are now residents of Niagara. — The Sturgeon caught weighs 100 pounds. — And when dressed, they average about 60 pounds each fish. — I suppose Sturgeon have never got got as far as Ottawa. — I will have some smoked and sent you, it is really splendid. — The Buffalo men with the Nets, have done well. — But our own fishermen are doing very well and making money in a Kind of fishing never thought of until now. — At first the Sturgeon caught by Niagara fishermen only brought 40 a piece, on last saturday before I got to Niagara, they had gone up to two dollars each. —

Which is about fifteen people on each fish to the fishermen a piece this for the fishermen who do really attention to do at this time of the year until the fishing was started. — Yours V. Gibbons Dept of Customs Ottawa 19 January 1878. —

CERTIFICATE

Hamilton, Ontario
20 January 1902.

My dear Mr. Hunt,—

At the request of the Grand Secretary of Niagara I enclose you 10/- for the Grand Lodge Fund by the Treasurer of Niagara.— Yours by charge from St Catharines.—

My wife and my brethren send you their love to Lucy and yourself.—

My Lodge holds the key and possession of the Lodge room, & wishes to give them over to the brethren.—

I understand my Lodge wants your location to build over the Lodge room.—

My Lodge should have key to the brethren at once, please go down, and arrange and give the matter by giving up possession to the brethren of Lodge room and oblige Yours &c.

Hamilton, Ontario
20 January 1902.—

My dear Sir,—

I have received your letter, and in reply to your application for the fund— I may say that I have communicated your enquiry to the Grand Secretary (Niagara) but I shall endeavour to get your location.—

If you have not sent your money to the Grand Secretary, Niagara, I shall be glad if you will send it at once to me and I will apply on your behalf for your license for you.—

I shall be glad to receive your letter to all Niagara arrangements, & I am sure I shall be able to arrange matters in my favour.— I am sure we can get your license very much—

Yours truly,

[illegible]

Hamilton, Ont.
21 January 1914

My dear Sir,

I wish to thank you for the copy of your Judgment in Rex v. Rogers, as well as for your permission to have it printed. I have not time now to go into the matter, but I will write you again in a few days.

Since writing, I see the copy of the Ontario Temperance Act which you have sent me, and I note that you have not referred to the Ontario Act respecting the Duties of Justices of the Peace, which I think you will find of assistance in the present case.

Yours very truly,
J. M. Gibson

(over)

Hamilton, Ont.,
21st January, 1914.

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(over)

I am sending a copy of the Ontario Act; but I have read section 49, and sub-section 2. of section 49, of the Ontario Act, as do you have read the part of the Ontario Act for your Magistrate's — I have not read section 49 of section 11 of the Ontario Act, for the — Now section — sub-section — of the — in pages — and — of the Act.

I am with my kind — I am —
yours very truly
Ontario Temperance Society.
Hamilton — Ont.

My dear Sir,
Gibson —
Rogers —

Hamilton, Ont.
28 January 1898

My dear Sir,

Your letter was duly received that evening by the same evening by the gunners and others. Use as permitted by the Fisheries department Ottawa and such orders must be respected by you and I. However, I may tell you that no Nets filing of any description will be permitted in the Don, nor in the waters of the Humber nor in any portion of the waters of Ashbridges Bay, nor in any part of Toronto Bay, nor in the grounds or Bays of Toronto Island, except at the Reed, and in Black Horse Bay. The death during the past year of two of our most worthy fishermen on the Toronto Island; only one now remaining, will necessitate a reorganization of the outside fishing stations in Lake Ontario, being made south and west of the Island at the same time, I have recommended to the department that bona fishing in the Humber, and in Black Horse Bay, be stopped sometime for the future; and that a re-arrangement of fishing stations in Toronto Island be made on the lower end and west side of the Island, commencing at the Gap, and ending at the boundary line, between Grey and Hanlan. "Toronto Bay, Ashbridges Bay, the Humber and the Don, being set apart for angling purposes, by the Citizens of Toronto", it will be your duty and mine to have all fish nets set there and prosecute the offenders, and this we shall do.

Now as to shooting fish in spring time, it is a very difficult thing for you or I, to distinguish excuse made by persons thus engaged! that they are hunting wild ducks! If this is the fact, fishery officers have nothing whatever to do with the shooting of fish; but you can prosecute any one for fish shooting fish.

Your annual report and statistics have been sent to me by the department, I do not think they are altogether correct, however I shall endeavour by [illegible]

expire for the Gibsons and other valuable
services – to make them so. –

I find in your return for 1st of July
1881. to 31. December 1881. – you have included
Ontonia, as falling at Yatesbury: He lives at Ont
tonia, in South Ontario; did you intend Yatesbury
for Mr. Limpet. – I saw Mr. Thomas Ontonia,
recently, at his residence Ont tonia, on a
sick bed, and got his return for the year
from him. – By the Bye you return seems
to be from your appointment 1st July, to 31.
of December 1881. – Did you mean this return
to be only for six months; – and then you
know not, I observe dated the return over your
report. – While I write I have both documents
before me. –

It regards fish suckers and weeds being
over spring fish, (for several months) before – sup-
ply of which fish is sent across from the upper
Lakes; the defendant is made aware of the
facts, and on suggestion from Brisbane Street
or Bailey Street, can change the mind of the
[illegible] at Ottawa or elsewhere.

(2.)

As soon as I have made my Annual Report
for 1881. – I will come down and see you,
and we will arrange to stop our fish
most illegal fishing – [illegible]
and Dalhousie Square during the coming
spring. – You and I, jointly, together, can
prevent and stop it; Alone, it will be
a most difficult thing for you to accom-
plish; people who will like me, will
not trust you: and this I am sure of.

And with my kind regards. ——
Believe me. Yours Sincerely, (–)
Fisher –
Fishery Overseer

Thomas Mellonia Esq.
Fishery Overseer –
Melanie Creek,
Ont.

(4.)

Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton, 23. January 1862.—

Sir,

I have the honor to report for your information, that the time has now arrived; when a re-arrangement of the Seine hauling grounds for White fish, in Lake Ontario, on the south, east, and west sides of Toronto Island, in the City of Toronto, and County of York; commencing at the Gap, and ending at the boundary line West, between Mrs Grays, and Mr Edward Hawkins property, should be made.— I have also to draw your attention to the fact, that Seine fishing at the Mouth, and in ——— Mouth Humber Bay, be now discontinued for at least some time to come.— Mrs Jane Gray, wife of the late Mr Patrick Gray, who met an untimely end by drowning; does not purpose fishing any more; and intends selling her property on the Island, hoping the purchaser will be allowed to fish, under a license for the Waters adjacent.—

Mr William Ward resides on the Island, is now the only surviving fisherman on Toronto Island; his father Mr David Ward, having suddenly died, near the.—

I would therefore with much respect recommend to you, that permission be given to Mr Hallowell, Fishery Overseer, and myself, jointly,— to lay off and stake out Seine hauling grounds, extending 400 yards Lake frontage, within the bounds, last fixed as above.— For it is quite evident to me at least, that altho' our best fishermen, have died during the past year;— fisheries live, and must be utilized also, for the benefit of the community.—

When writing to Mr Hallowell, to whom I have written on this, & other fishing matters, write you please advise him, to fish with me; and I will post him in all things, so far as I know.

And with much respect,

I have the H. . . to be
Sir,
Your obedient Servant
Thos Wilkes
Fishery Overseer.

To W. Colistabus Esq Jr
Superintendent of Fisheries,
Ottawa.——

Hamilton, Ont.
23. January 1892.

My dear Friend Doke. —

I am in receipt of your letter of the 16th instant, and I am really sorry, for to learn from yourself, that have had a bad accident, but I am also pleased you are getting better. — —

I dont think it would be worth your while for to go to the expense of getting up a gang of Maw pike fishermen, for to fish in the Bay at Oshitty Harbour, as the time being so short, it would not pay you for the outlay, to do so. —

If you intend to fish out the old Nets, let me know, and I will try and manage it for you. — Please on return of post, let me know how many dollars worth of fish you have caught, and how many George White has caught. — Yours sincerely —

John Bruffett
Oshitty, Ont.

Hamilton, Ont.
23. January 1892.

private!!

My dear Smoke,

I have had during the past week in my possession, Helmers, Frank Jackson, Mrs Sophia Harris, and your licenses in the Outer Bay, at Long Point, in Lake Erie, according to last survey, made by Mr Hon: Wakele; — P. Land Surveyor, on the 27th of May 1881. Licenses fee $15, dollars each. you and Jackson can now fish accordingly.

I have also received licenses in the Inner Bay, for Helmer, $10. Charles Harris $10. and Frank Jackson $10. the license fee, will be, for is $10. dollars each; please tell Jackson. —

I wrote Mrs Harris, $15. Charles Harris $12. and Wm Helmer, $25. for their licence money, and on receipt, I would send them up their license. — I have not yet heard from them. — Has Helmer, and Mr Harris, fished any, since I was last at Turkey point; no more fishing for them; unless they pay for licenses. —

to Mr Smoke,
Turkey Point.

Yours sincerely,
Wm Hamilton — Fisheries Inspector

Fishery Overseers office.-
Hamilton, 28. January 1882.-

Sir.-

I Have the honor to apply to you for Seine hauling licenses in Lake Erie, Inner Bay.- Turkey point, in the township of Charlottaville for this current year 1882.- as follows:- for the undernamed fishermen, thus !!.- -

1. August Shoemaker.- Charlottaville. For a Seine hauling licence, in the Inner Bay. Lake Erie: station No: 2. to be same as last year, amount is.- $ 5.00-

2, James Overholt, Normandale, For a Seine hauling license in the Inner Bay. Lake Erie, to be the same, as last year, amount is to be, $ 5.00.

3.- William Snooks. Turkey point. For Seine hauling license in Inner Bay. Lake Erie, to be same as last year. amount is to be, $ 5.00.

4. David Jackson, Normandale. For Seine hauling license, to fish in Lake Erie, at Normandale, west of the Creek, pier. same as last year, license fee in $ 4.00. to be only.- -

5. David Jackson, Normandale, For Seine hauling ground No: 10. in the Inner Bay- Turkey point Lake Erie, for this current season, situated at Bob Woods point, and east, 280 yards from the same, the amount is to be.- $ 4.00.

These licences can be made out, and sent to me; when convenient.- -

And with due respect.-

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
W. H. Wilkes
Fishery Overseer

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa.- - -

Hamilton, C.W.
22. January 1852

My dear Mr Reid

Mrs Higgins of the smoke stage sent to Judge Wilkinson, Mr Dodd, to Rockhaven and Henry Hopkins, of the Standard Insurance Company, Mr Jones, of the Hamilton Express Agent, and Agency — my two Books, — Reynolds Journal of the Irish Newspaper — and to Mr Dixon Jaggs together with what we have with our fortaken of ourselves, we have got rid of the smoke stage except one passenger. I intend for D. M. Eldridge Esq.

I must just show you how to pronounce a couple more, they about 20 or 30 pounds, when cleaned: pickled and smoked then for us. — I sent to Simcoe about 80 pounds of it to Ottawa. — I have not got received balance of Lines from Ottawa for Niagara. — I wrote, one sent the John Hand, yr. and I asked and advised him to go to Niagara, and land over the Mail Steamer to Big Jim, a little backwood Settler, in order to, ing the Mail Steamer into his profession as ——

Rafted up here to day, some showers, and land grazing. — I have not heard from ——, since I came home; —— Hooke Dolan Harrison & Kay, and Wm Patterson & Hill, pray you if so, send: — for the department of Inslands, Ottawa. — I have been busy all week Auditting the affairs of the Standard Insurance Company. — I am well and hearty as usual, no pains nor aches — no pills, powders nor brandy required any more, and no Doctor nor physician: because as the Bible says: those that are whole, "well I suppose" I need not a physician, but those that are sick. ——

I have not begun my report yet, but I mean to go at it this week. ——

I have no News, strange nor Wonderful to tell you ... I am writing this to occasionally looking out of a mine

Memorandum:—

The Hon. Receiver General's Department,
Ottawa.—

Will you be pleased to send me the late Superintendents of Fisheries for U.C. Letter Book, from which it is presumed his letter dated 12 of May 1860— the Original— to John B. Secord Esq. of Niagara, is to be found.—

I received a subpoena the day, calling upon me, to produce those letters of 10th and 12 of May 1860, and of the 20th of June 1860.—

I Receive from you to day, (Original) of 10 of May, and 20th of June 1860,— which are O.K.— But please send Original— of 12th of May 1860.—

Yours Respectfully,

Toronto, C.W.

[illegible]

Hon. Receiver General
Ottawa—

Dear Sir,

Will this suggest to you, and many thanks for kindly having offered Lot, Letters are all sent.—

Yours &c.

[illegible]

Hon. Receiver General
Niagara—

Brockville, Ogne.—

My dear Sir

Yours of 20. instant, was received by me only today, with enclosures. I may have told you, that when I first applied to the Fisheries department, Ottawa, in your behalf, I only received from the Commissioner, copies of the three letters, you were therein heard of.— On receiving yr. Mr. Davis letter the other day, I got to furnish him, with copies of those letters, and learning from him at the same time, that the case was coming up before the Vice Chancellor, on the 6th of February next; I then, on the 19th inst. applied again to the Commissioner for the original letters; and today I received yr. John B. Saunders (deceased) letters dated 10. of May, and 26th June 1850.—

It will be necessary for you, I presume to have young Saunders of Niagara, at Osgood Hall, on the 6th of February next, for to identify his [illegible]

(Original) I only received copy of it.

And I have again written to Mr. Chisholm the Commissioner, for to send me the letter March, of the late Superintendent of Fisheries, for U. C.— as I presume it is in it the letter of the 12th of May 1850, as to be found.—

When I get up, I will write you again.— I intend service and have Bank original subpoena, with copies of letters.— And I will be in Court on the 6th of February next, please Providence.— And with much respect

Believe me,—

Yours Sincerely—

[illegible]

Fishery Inspector

Hamilton, C.W.

28. January 1851

The Hon.ble

Adam Crooks—

&c. &c. &c.

Toronto.—

Hamilton, Ont.
25th Jany 1852.

My dear Sir.—

Yours received. I was made aware of John Bolton's threats towards you people when in Niagara last Monday and Bolton told me of it himself. Pay no attention to his threats, you are now a licensed fisherman exercising your calling as such in British waters and our crews will protect you.— I send your license today by mail addressed to Mr James Cautwell for you. I also send Messrs John O'Brien and Co's license to Mr Cautwell also for them.—

If Bolton does you any injury or damages your fishing Rig, Hooks and lines against let me know at once. I write write to Mr Elliot on the subject to-night. Stand your ground, firm and steady.— and believe me,

Yours truly,
J Ferrier

Mr Ed. Keating,
Niagara

My dear Mr Elliot

I am just in receipt of yours of 23rd inst, and I also receive a letter from Mr Edward Keating.— By the licenses issued for catching sturgeon, persons so engaged cannot go on your licensed ground, nor within two miles of it, without your permission;— see to this at once and do not permit any one to set on your ground unless on your own terms; and then don't allow so many persons to set too many hooks on your grounds, stop all crowding; you are under no particular obligation to John Bolton, nor any other man.— So I depend upon you now, to use your authority, under your license, read section 13 of the fisheries act.— Keating is quite willing to pay 1/- Stg for every 100, he catches the present season, it will be time enough for you, when you

Will you be so good as to see Hunter and get from him, fifteen dollars, and on receipt, I will send him his license. —

I send you today licenses for John Bolton & Co. - paid. 2. Robert Busby & Bro. paid. one license still behind, and due to him, paid for - 3. - John Redhead paid 4, Richard, and Robert John Allen, paid 5. Albert and Charles Bailey, pay you - Two dollars are due: 6. Daniel Garland, and Charles Bolton, paid, for the last Day, paid, -

Every man, woman and boy, who have fished and caught sturgeon, and stopped, because called on by me to buy License fee of 5. will be called on to settle before Wm Kirby Esq. J. P. - and to the loss of the case. Left about 2 o'clock yesterday in Niagara, why none sooner it was 4 o'clock yesterday at 4 Oc. a. m. this morning when I got to the Ferry Station on my way to Drummondville, and I suppose I must through here Niagara this before I Embark on

at 17.° - I dont know all this! but was to do. - Hands, feet, and ears caught it. - On yesterday I was on B. Beach, and such a pursuing as I got. —

I want to be placed on the Assessment again this year, I enclose an application to The Clerk of the Town of Niagara. - please hand it to him from me. - We are all well, and flourishing and with my kind regards to you one and all, I remain Believe me Yours Sincerely,

J. W. Keefer
Baby Cottage
Hamilton, Ont.
24 Jan: 1862.

The Hon. Geo. Ball
Niagara. —

Brooks, no. 6 yes - Do set down for 6th of February next - I expect some young friend will be there to identify the parties with. - Do that it be, - A pleasure! -

J. W. Keefer

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[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

To The Clerk of the Town,
of Niagara. —

Sir

Take Notice that I own the land hereunder mentioned, and desire to be assessed and have my name entered on the assessment roll of the Town of Niagara Township for the current year 1882. —

That my full name, place of residence, and post office address are as follows: John William Kerr Fishery Overseer Barton Township. Post Office: Virgil

That piece of land situated as follows "Lying three acres at the Ferry in the Lake Road in said Town bounded as follows "in my Name". Dated January 25th 1882.

In presence of C. J. Wilkes
Fishery Overseer
Hamilton P. Office

Memorandum, —

For S. P. Ramsay Esqre
Fisheries Department
Ottawa. —

Please look at No: 9. in my application of 18th January 1882 - for licenses. - -

You have omitted to send No: 9. license with all the others to me; - please send it to me at once, and oblige,

Yours respectfully. —

Hamilton, Ont
25. January 1882. —

John W. Kerr
Fishery Overseer

My dear Sir

Will you please give
your best house for sweet pea
Carnival. The two lowest will be
seen best you. Yours &c.

Jesse

Jesse Austin
Esq of
W. H. Hamilton
Lichfield Staffs

Rectory
Lichfield Staffs
20 January 1912

My dear Sir

Yours received with yr.
which letter I sent to the fishmonger
for what there: and you when
I have just received your letter
which you will please give herewith.
And with my own regards —
Yours Sincerely
Jesse

Peter H. Hall Esq.
Curator
Botanical Museum
Post office Cambs

Rectory
Lichfield Staffs
20 January 1912.

Hamilton, Ontario,
20 January 1882.

My dear Sir,—

In consequence of your illness I have recommended to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, that you become a free licensee, for to fish in Lake Erie during this year 1882. between the Niagara River and the Range; and I now enclose you the same. The Minister being pleased to grant you this privilege.

Your friend
Sir
Thomas Ambrose
Inspector
Port Dover.

Dickey Brothers

My dear Sir,—

Will you please send the Adam Limpert license for to fish for year 1881. please send it to me the first opportunity you have of doing so.

Yours &c.
Sir
Hamilton
Ontario

William McMinn Esq.
Dickey Brothers
Highland Creek
Ont.

Hamilton, Ont.
20 January 1882

My dear Sir

Yours of the 24th instant. came duly to hand.—

On the 23rd instant. I applied to the Commissioner of Fisheries. Mr. W. F. Whitcher Ottawa? — and this evening I received by Mail, the letter Book of the late Mr. John McCuaig, and in it I find at page 12. the impression, and answer to Mr. John F. Lacoste letter dated Ottawa. 10th May 1870. — Mr. McCuaig's. in verbatim with copy I have sent you. and is dated 12th May 1870. —

Mr. John F. McCuaig; in Insurance Agt. &c. in Toronto, is a son of the late Superintendent of fisheries for Upper Canada. — and he will be able to identify his fathers writing. — I give Mr. Cuaig only signs his name to the letter.

I believe the letter was written by Richard McCuaig. son of the late Colonel John McCuaig; who also died some years ago. —

Mr. John F. McCuaig. however will be able to identify the writing, both of his late father and brother. —

I deem it proper to give you the foregoing particulars. —

I may also mention for your information, that Mr. Whitcher the Commissioner, has written me officially, to return the letters and letter Book, as soon as done with. — I have now all you require — and with much respect. —

I am. My dear Sir. —

Yours Sincerely. —

Jno Kerr

Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton. Ont.

26. January 1882.

Hon Mr.
Adam Brooks. —
75. Peter street
Toronto. —

P.S. Inclosed is the letter of Mr. Brooks to Mr. Whitcher referred to.

My dear Sir,—

Your's received. the best Lewis hauling rope, such as you require will be 12 cents a pound.

As regards a Lewis hauling ground, you will have to take No: 17.— It is the upper ground of all, above the ground adjoins to Sobt W. Thomas, at the upper end of a little pond, where your mile track comes out, is on the upper end of it. —

Uncle John offered me if 100 for it, for 6 years;— but I would not do such a thing.— Mr Elliot says it is a good ground, he picked on it.— I have thought the matter over, since you saw me at Niagara, peace and tranquility must prevail, and if I placed you near Big Jim, a row might occur, and I might by endeavouring to please you

and to please Big Jim, please neither of you.— be it is better to keep you, and he, far apart. —

I will send you your Lewis early next week.— If the rope suits, write me at once, it has to be manufactured, but then there is plenty of time.—

White fish Lewis, must have 9 1/2 meshes, your inches extension measure.—

I hope all I have now written to you will be satisfactory to you and your father.— If you see Messrs Richard and Robert John Allan, please tell them to send me 20, the Lewis you placed on their ole ground for this year of our Lord 1832, wishing you success,—

I am, and believe me.—

Yours Sincerely.—

Jas Kerr.

Mr Richard Worton.
Fisherman.
Niagara.

Jas Kerr.
Hamilton. Ont.
24. January 1832.

Hamilton, Ont.
22. January 1882.

My dear Mr. Elliot. I send you
Mr. St. and Hooks and Line - Licence - for
Wolfe Mr. R. Bishop, R. Reid, and R. Tay-
lor: - Will you please tell Mr. Bishop,
that his two men have been again com-
plained of, for putting Sturgeon hooks,
and guts in the River. - It must never
be repeated again, for if so, they will
be heavily fined, and will not be
allowed to fish any more. -

In handing Mr. Reid the license, I
will please tell him Taylor and Bark
Reid &c are the men complained of! -
How many Sturgeon were caught during
this week? - I have got Mr. John Hodges
little book. - and Jobs & Lunds original
letters, and I - will come to Oshawa to appear at
Cayuga Sat. - thursday 6th February.
- produce them. -

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Mr. W. Bell, and young Beaver
will be also there in attendance. -
I am about as usual. - I got
yr. from John W. Horton on yesterday
and I now enclose to you his licence
for him; please hand it to him. -
Will you be good enough to explain
to Horton, that no Mark, in his White
fish scale, can be under nor less
than 4" inches extension measure. -
You can explain to him, all he will
require to do, to have
legally, under the law. -
Horton must go up on No: 17. -
Mr. Horton - I believe the centre
of Jacks ground, near Big Island, is
the only place you can find in,
for on the Horton, Uncle John
found me $100. for a licence of No: 17.
for 5 years. - See fishermen, and not be
awarded off their grounds for "Nets",
with this regard to all. Believe me,
Yours Yr. Yr.
J. Wolfe
Inspector. &c. -

Fishery Overseer's Office.

Hamilton. 28. January 1862.

Sir,

I Have the honor to send herewith, Bank draft, No: 216.- for the sum of Twenty five dollars. — Will you be pleased to apply this amount, for this current year as follows: —

1. John W. Keeton, Niagara: For a Seine hauling License, to fish on Station No: 16.- in Lake Ontario, Township of Niagara, already received, and will be delivered. - - amount is, 15.00 —

2. Messrs Joseph Masters, and John Keith, of the Town of Niagara: For a Boat License, already received, and delivered, for fishing gill nets in Lake Ontario, during the past season, the money is now only sent. — 5.00.

3. John Keith, John Rayner, and William Mathews, of Niagara.. License for to fish one boat Trimmer, and hooks and lines, between the Mouth Niagara River, in the Niagara River, and the Eighth Creek, in Lake Ontario. These hooks may be fished within the limited limits of seine hauling grounds provided permission is obtained from the licensees. —

This license will expire on 31st March 1862 — Amount herewith is. — 5.00

Total. £ 25.00.

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir. —
Your Obedient Servant.
John Wm Keeton,
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa. — —

O.S. James Cartwright, and James Patterson of Niagara: For Boat licenses, Nos. Nos, to be same as applied for. for John Keith, & Boy. —

J. W. Keeton. —
F. O.

Private.

Hamilton. Bute —
23. January 1904.

My dear friends —

Enclosed please find
last letter from Rhiyana. — I wrote the Rt.
John Stuart, yesterday, — enclosed him a
Y2. bill, and I entrusted it to him to go
down to Rhiyana, there the key of
the Rest House from Jack Ashton,
and have it and the Rest House
up to you, as agreed to by him. —
You will now observe what the
Rt. John Stuart says in reply to my
request, his letter is enclosed here —
with for your information. — —
I write on the R. H. Steward by
this the same, and am what he will
say — or perhaps this time is a little
— for — to recall —
and with kind regards, —
My and
My Jan: Charlotte
Rhiyana.
yours truly
Hewitt

Private!

My dear Sir.

I may now inform you, that my efforts for to get you back from Alleans! your old Farm having got through my wicked and favourable recommendations to the Commissioner, and Fisheries department, Ottawa, has been a failure.—

You having two grounds, and the Allens only one, your old grounds was a bar against you.— There is no use in my saying more except that my efforts to get you and Mrs. Barbeau, back your old grounds, has proved to me a complete failure.— Richard and Robert the Allen's knows I have more in my possession at Pabos,—for this cause, but they will get no other grounds but this one.— I suppose perhaps the Allens would give back your grounds if you would exchange or give up the two grounds you now occupy for their one ground.— I never approached them on that subject.— If you can secure (2) good seans for your two grounds, you will be much better off in every respect.— And I hope Mrs. Barbeau, and you will now agree and coincide with me and the Commissioner on this subject.—

Dick Wootton, was very desirous of getting the upper end of Jobb ground and Allens 300 yards footage of it.— I have thought the matter seriously over in my own mind since I last saw you and Mrs. Barbeau, and I have come to the conclusion that Wootton, nor no one else can have any part of Jobb ground, as it stands now, except with Mrs. Barbeau and you consent.— As I mentioned the ground, the basis fishing is all done about the ends of the ground, is not this so?—

I have your license for Matin Pabos No: 13. and I write now license Pabos No: 14. except with your consent and Mrs. Barbeau's.

consent, lest I might unintentionally inflict upon you both, an injury of so serious a nature; as to be never able again to repair the harm and loss and damage I might innocently do you both. — —

If your bank banking is carried on, on the centre of your ground, the damage and loss to you and Mrs Cambell, might be very serious, if I were to license to any one else between you and the Falls, or between you and the Rocks. — Neither the Jockeys department, nor do I, desire to spoil your ground as it now exists by a division that might make it useless altogether; I hope you and Mrs Cambell, will now give me some credit for good intentions, and kind and considerate feelings towards you and each of you individually. —

I will not be able to come to Niagara for perhaps 3 or 4 weeks, but I will as it were, I may in

bound to write you, on a subject that concerns you and Mrs Cambell so much; and myself — to such a great extent, as your Jockey officer. —

If you will please read all I now write you, to Mrs Cambell, and communicate with each other amongst yourselves. — And answer me! —

And with my kind regards to Mrs and yourself. — Believe me. —

Yours sincerely. —

J. W. Keys. —

J. Cameron.

Hamilton, Ont.

24 January 1843.

Mr and Mrs James Cambell, Niagara.

My dear Darling is amazed at, or
the cause of my grief, the change
one has to my own Ellen Bertram
might be my fancies, I pray it
may not be false. — Neither
my fidelity deponent, nor do I desire
it again my own heart or it may
be obscure, but my own Ellen Bertram
Darling, will you not believe it
made by great distress, our last
our Separation fearing trouble my
own self if you misunderstand. —

I write not to alter it now it
depends by further [illegible]
do I pray not to [illegible]

My own Darling, if you knew how
sorely you grieve me by doubting
my love, you would feel sure that
nothing; on earth could ever
change it. Do you not believe me
when I tell you that I love you
only, my own Ellen Bertram, and
that I am writing the truth?
Do you not believe me? —
Do write me a few lines, my own
Darling, and tell me that you
believe me, and that you will
never doubt me again. —

Ever Yours
[illegible]
Ellen Bertram
Thursday, 2nd
25th January 1844

My own Ellen
Yours Darling
[illegible]

Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton. 28. January 1882.—

Sir

I have now the Honor to submit for your information, my Annual Report of the Norfolk division of Lake Erie, situated between the Western limits of the County of Norfolk, and the Town line, between South Cayuga, and Rainham; in the County of Haldimand.—

By the tabular statement I send herewith, you will please find, the amount of all kinds of fish caught by licensed fishermen, within the limits here specified; as the Norfolk division, including the fisheries of Long point, Lake Erie, amounts in the aggregate to a sum of $. 12,362, dollars.—

I deem fit and proper to give you a return of the different fishing implements, plant and material that was used in catching this amount of fish, during the past year.— Besides anglers, the return will now show, that about 132, gillnets, fished during the past season in this division.— And the following list of fishing material, will I hope convince you, that men who fish; have to expend money for the material, with which they capture the fish? That is to say;— for return herewith.—

75.	Nets, large and small including former Nets,— valued at,—	$. 1,439.—
9.	Seines — of about 624. Nets. value,—	1,300.—
9.	Gill Nets. " 900. —" "	297.—
25.	Lines, 10 in. and 25 Spearing Hooks,	150.—
18.	Boats, including yoke, $.	990.—
6.	Skiffs, 4 in. and yoke 2 in.	195.—
2.	Anchors, at Port Dover,—	1,250.
5.	Skiffs Lake, 3 in. Nets and Lines,	225.
		Total $ 11,406.

Inspector of Fisheries,—
Ottawa.— 1.

The appointment of Mr. W. H. Lamy, as Sheriff Surrogate at Long point in the early part of last season was a wise act in itself, and he manages fishing matters there discreetly. - On my appointment to the Northern division, 28th of March last, I found two Fishermen in office, - One at St. Williams, Mr. James M. McNab, - whose services were dispensed with, "to keep down appearances" - when Mr. Leary was appointed. - And Mr. Evan Powers, at Port Royal, who has since acted officially under my Deputy Lewis I have had charge of the division. - -

As you are already aware of the state of affairs, when honored with your instructions to take charge of the division via B. L. Ring house, I need now say nothing about it. -

Every thing so far, passed off quietly, amongst the fishermen, if I might except, a case of a tippling nature, to which uncalled for expressions of discontent, were given by Mr. William Nelson, and Mr. Stephen Vance, of Turkey point in reports made by them to the Ministers as you are already made aware of. -

I was obliged to fine four persons, employed fishing at Mr. Innis grounds West at Landrail Creek, Lake Erie; Two fishing out to Catch fish, on the 4th of November last, three days already reported to you, Mr. Crawford of the County of Kingston was fined $1 and costs, for fishing Herrs and Bass for Kingston market a distance. Other two to pay costs of Court for a similar offence, before National Pilots of Port Rowan, J. P. -

I have to report and bring under your Notice that a very Lamentable accident occurred on the 15th inst. caused by Thomas Jackson, in charge of his Vessel, The Polly Ann, near Port Dover, about the

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15th of October last.— The fish being a stranger, and more strange to Jackson;— was identified by Captain Hunter, formerly of Quebec, but now a resident of Port Dover.—

I would desire to express myself favorably to you, to some extent, in behalf of the pound fishermen, and pound fish proprietors, who have so largely, and extensively invested so much of their means in the fisheries of this division of Lake Erie, so long dormant, until resuscitated by them.— They are men deserving of your consideration, and I feel it my duty to draw your personal attention in their direction, for they and I, have got along pleasantly together during the past season.—

A great many farmers between Pt Rowan, Long point, and Houghton, in Lake Erie, say about 40, have gone extensively into Hook, and Line, fishing for Sturgeon, the result has been, that about 110 Barrels, of the fish have been caught during the past season.— This fishing by my direction was taken hold of by Mr Bowers, Fishery Guardian.—

Although I had my own misgivings, for some reason or another, when I first took charge of the division per the Ministers order.— I have now to report, that I got on well, and satisfactorily to myself at least, and I trust and hope to your satisfaction, and all others, whom I have come in contact with.— And with profound respect,

I Have the Honor to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

John Wyatt

Fishery Overseer,

Pine Creek division

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Notice to the Niagara Fishermen. —

It has been represented, that certain fishermen, set their Hooks, and lines, on the best Sturgeon grounds in Niagara River, in Zig Zag fashion, so as to prevent other licensed fishermen from using any part of that same sturgeon ground. — If this is carried on, after this Notice is made public, by being posted up; I will enforce the Law in the premises against all persons acting so, Again! I have learned that lines have been cut, and sturgeon taken, stolen and sold, by the persons who committed the "Robbery". And the money got by the sale of such fish, has been applied by said persons, as if the fish was legally caught on their own licensed Hooks and Lines. —

Roguery of this Kind must be instantly stopped; and restitution must be made at once to the owner of such Hooks and lines, by handing over the money got for the fish obtained in this way. Every licensed fisherman, belonging to Buffalo or Niagara, legally fishing under our Laws, shall have British fair play. —

Hamilton, Ont.
30th January 1892

John W. Kerr
Fishery Overseer

private.

My dear Mr Elliot.

Your lengthy, long letter received. I am glad to learn I have at last been the means of doing you a Kindly act — which is only your due. —

I send you a Notice, for posting up, as I am determined order must be observed, in our New fishing operations for Sturgeon. —

If Jack, Charley, Dan, Sherlock and Davis repeats the cutting of lines and stealing of Hooks and Sturgeon; they must be stopped setting altogether on your licensed ground, and within your licensed limits. — Plenty of men will be glad to get your permission and will act properly to all persons concerned. —

You must have all sturgeon heads, fish guts, and offal of fish removed off the bank of River daily, see section No. of the fishing act: Penalty of $100. [illegible]
[illegible] of River, towards [illegible]
[illegible] them Niagara. — I am [illegible]

Notice to the Mortgagor Gentlemen: —

It has been represented, that certain Gentlemen, lately dwelling, and then on the East Bungeye present in Mortgage Rain, in Zig Zag Parlour, as to prevent other persons Gentlemen seeing any part of that same estoppers present. — If this is denied on after this Notice is made public, by being posted up; I write before the time in the promise appointed all persons acting as Mortgagors! I have power that such have been out, and stopped taken, stolen and carry by the persons who committed the "Robbery" that plainly get by the sale of such Gold. Two been applied, by such persons, as if the Gold was legally bought from their Mortgagor Works and Chains. —

Payment of this Note must be instantly stopped; and restitution must be made at once to the owner of such Works and Sale, by handing over the money got for the Gold returned in the mortgage, together Gentlemen, belonging to Gentlemen, also two Gentlemen Gentlemen Gentlemen

Hamilton,
31. Jan[y]

My dear Sir,

Yours of the 28th inst. just received: I will be at Osgood Hall, Toronto, before Vice Chancellor Ferguson, as a Witness. at 11. o'clock. A.M. — On Monday next the 6th of February, where you will be sure to find me. if you come there; and I will be happy to see you, and discuss fishing matters with you. — Believe me. —

Yours Sincerely. —
J. W. Kerr. —
Fishery Overseer.

William Hallowell Esqre
Fishery Overseer. —
Highland Creek. —
Ont[o] — —

on this subject. — Keep the Coast clear of all such. — The bank of River is yours!!!

I have not had a letter from Big Jam. since I was last in Niagara. —

Johnny Hands — has sent me back the ½, I enclosed to him to go down to Niagara get the Key, and hand it, and the Boat, Horace owes to Jam. — I sent Hands letter to Jam today. — A stop must be finally placed on Jacks. domineering, overbearing Conduct; I am terrible busy or I would come down at once; however, if possible I will come some evening this week, and much oblige you genial invitation. — I wrote Big Jam, to-day; — Condole with him about his grounds. Allan grounds I mean! — ask to see Hands letter! —

Remember me Kindly to Mrs Elliot, and the girls, — all are well, and Join me in Kind regards; — please show the Plotein to Jam — before you post it up, and believe me — Yours Sincerely. —

Hamilton, 30. January 1852. J. W. Kerr. —

Mr. Charles Ferris,—
Turkey point.

My dear Sir,—

Your letter duly received, and in reply, I have to inform you that the licenses for Seine fishing in the Outer Bay of Lake Erie, at Turkey point; and the licenses for Seine fishing in the Inner Bay, and Norman-dale, Lake Erie, during the year 1882. are all now, and for some time past in my possession, ready for delivery.—

The licenses for Seine fishing in the Outer Bay,—are all granted in accordance with the plan and survey made by Mr. Thomas W. Walshe, Provincial Surveyor by order of the Fisheries department Ottawa, on the 27th of May 1881,—and must be now strictly adhered to by every fisherman and woman concerned.—

Mrs. Orpha Ferris; your mother-her ground runs East, towards Norman-dale from the stake placed at the end of the Lane. 550 yards along the Lake shore; thus giving her a Lake frontage to that full extent.—And Frank Jackson, William Helmer, and William Brooks licenses are issued each for 550 yards of the Lake frontage.—

In Order to prevent all disputes, and quarrelling in future, amongst you people, who are nearly all blood relations, the ranges must be fixed on shore, "and not out in the waters of the Lake",—by placing high poles firmly in the ground, one in rear of the other in line, with a small flag white and red on the top of each pole to mark the ranges, and so prevent encroachment on each others grounds,—No Buoys will be

allowed outside, set in the Lake. —

Disputes about ranges being now at end, I hope good feeling and fellowship will henceforth exist for all time amongst you. —

The Orders evacuating your Fisheries department, and fishery laws and regulations, must be strictly obeyed by the fishermen of Turkey point, that is all I require of them. —

As regards the license fee for ground in the Inner Bay, I cannot alter the fee or license Money. — Get another one for Inner Bay, — and you will do better this year than last year. — You cannot catch fish to your own profit, and your Mothers by only fishing with one Seine, occasionally in each place. — I hope you will be a prudent young man, and take my advice, which I freely give you. —

Hamilton, Ont. Yours, &c, John W. Stark

31. January 1882.

My dear Sir, —

I am in receipt of your application for Renewal of License. — I will attend to it for you. —

And I will also wait some time for your Money. — I thank you most sincerely for your Kind wishes to myself and family, and believe me with the same warm regards to you, your father and Brothers. —

Yours Sincerely, —

J. W. Stark —

Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton, Ont.,

14th February 1882. —

Mr John Emerett

Fisherman.

International Bridge —

Post office — Ont.

Private!

My dear Jam.—

I saw Mr. R. R. Waddell—and I asked him what you could do to Jack Bolton, for refusing to give you up the Boat House and the Key of Locks to same.—Mr. Waddell told me, your plan is to sue Bolton. for the value of the Boat House, and any loss you have sustained—by his withholding the property from you,—after you made a legal demand on him for it.—I was speaking to Bolton myself on Tuesday morning—the 17. of January, at the end of Jam Morris Boat House—when he showed me the Key of Lock on the door—and told me, you should never have it.—He told me that in presence of Ned Patterson, he offered to take the Boat House down, and buy it and give Jams for you.—Bolton will give you all the assurance he can, he even told me, he would do so.—

I suppose old spites, and your getting your licence for fishing ground at the Ave.—

Take time to consider the matter, and don't do anything hastily.—

We are all well. I am busy at my Annual Reports.—And I am auditing the affairs of standard Insurance Company.—

The dust was blinding in the streets of Hamilton today.—And with Kind regards—believe me.

Yours truly,—
J. W. Karr.—
Hamilton, Ontario
1st Feb: 1882,

Mr James Cantrell.
Fisherman.
Niagara.

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Private!

Hamilton. Ont.
2. Feb: 1862.

My dear Mr. Elliot.

Yours received, and I thank you for delivering Letters to the Rolls and Bishop. — I now send you Letters for Messrs. John Keith and Son, — please deliver it to him from me. —

Many thanks for your hints about Edward Wootton. I had an impatient letter from him to day in which he mixes up your name freely. — When I may have told you I have never had any previous Correspondence you know for a time touching grounds; all my letters were written to Richard Wootton, and I am not one bit alarmed about his threats; If the Duke of N. and H. there is no other [illegible] for Richard Wootton, and to be even have his

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Money back. —

Your descriptions of Nos. 13. and 14. agrees with my views, as well as I do, with Rolls also. —

The department will not destroy a good ground for to please Edward Wootton, with whom I have had no Communication except indirectly from Mr. J. A. Bland, Jr. and that was a lying got up falsehood. Let him rip! — I shall hold no communication with Edward Wootton whatever; — if you have done so, you have mistaken the man, for most assuredly I did not mean for you to go between Keith & Richard Wootton. —

I have no time to write to Edward Wootton, who has written me an insulting impatient letter neither do I intend nor hereafter. — and so much, Believe me.

Yours Sincerely,
D. W. Smith
Superintendent

Hon. Elliot
Kingston

Hamilton. Aug
2. 1781: 1782.

My dear Mr Laurens

Yesterday, sent a flag upon the subject of exchanging Prisoners & the Bearer was detained. — I now send upon the same Subject — I have not the least wish or inclination to be from you. —

Many Flags & you have sent since your Letter. I have no objection to your sending them, but I do not see the propriety. — Were I to send them to you now, — I have no reason to expect any Answer, or that they would be attended to, — I have already wrote you upon the Subject of your Letter, & I have not the smallest objection to write you upon it, but I do not see the propriety of it, at present: If I receive a Letter from you, I shall then write you, & not before. —

The Inhabitants will not cheerfully — pay Taxes, if they have reason to suspect, that they will be misapplied, & I have not a doubt, but that Embezzlements happen frequently in the Commissaries Department. I have also been informed, that Cattle sent to Jersey, have been sold there, & the money converted to private purposes. Let this be as it may, I shall take no Commissions with Salaries whatever; — if you have done so, you have misstaken the man. I must assuredly & shall not receive any from you or any other State or Publick Character. — I have no time to say more at present, but that I am, Dear Sir: Yours, with the affection & esteem you profess for me, & sincere wishes for your welfare. — Sent on board, Yours Sincerely

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Private!

My dear Jem —

I am in receipt of your letter, with yr. address enclosed. — This I will send to the Bishop of Ontario for your Lordship for yr. return to the Diocese. I had an inkling of what I see from your letter, but nothing should induce me to write it. —

Many thanks — Love for the girls from Stephen: — It is the night, and time for you... I do not know what to say, at the time things are now taking regarding Bishops, and Church Affairs, with kind regards to your Lordship. —

Believe me — ever —

Yours Sincerely —

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To
The Lord Bishop,
Kingston.

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My dear Mr. Plumb. —

You will please find the contents of the enclosed letter addressed to Mrs B. Perry, of Burlington Beach, by the Collector of Inland Revenue for the Port of Hamilton. — The enclosed letter I only received from Mrs Perry this evening on my return to Toronto. —

May I beg of you for to do every thing that lies in your power to relieve this poor Widow of a matter she is unable to do. — Will you kindly write me by return mail, as I shall be anxious to hear what you can do for her, and you will be doing a charitable act in behalf of the Widows and Orphans — and a service and successful support from your humble and most obedient Servant — [illegible]

Hamilton, 6. January 1882. —

Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton, 2. February 1862.—

Sir,

I have the Honor to send you herewith a Bank Draft for the sum of Fifteen dollars.—$15.336.

With you be pleased to apply this amount as follows. For this present year Viz^{t}.

1. Jones Cornwall Niagara. To Semi hauling licence on One pike gill Net No: 10. in Lake Ontario. al= ready received and delivered.— $10.00.—

2.. George White. Whitby. To Cod licence, to fish 450 yards of pike fish Net. in Whitby Harbour, the same to expire on the 30th day of April next. as given by the department. $5.00.

Total - $15.00.

With you be also pleased to send me a Cod licence for Wm^{m} John Crawford. of Whitby. for to fish pike gill nets in Whitby Harbour. licence to be same as last year.—and to expire on the 30th day of April 1863.— Licence fee to be $1.— Duly with Much Respect.

I have the Honor to be.
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant,
John Wm Kerr.—
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa.

"Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton, 4. "February 1882.

Sir.

I Have the honor to send you herewith, Bank draft No: 345. for the sum of Twenty five dollars.——

Will you be pleased to apply this amount, for this current season, and for last season, as follows:—

1. Chas & Richard and Robert John Allan, of the Town of Niagara; For Seine hauling license for to fish on Station No: 15. in Lake Ontario near the four-mile point, in the township of Niagara, license already received and sent.——— $20.00.

2. John Taffe, B. Reach;— For Seine hauling license received for year 1881,— delivered— now sent in full.— $5.00.

Total.— $25.00

And with due respect,

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir,—
Your Obedient Servant,
John W. Kerr.
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa.——

Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton. 4. February 1882.—

Sir.—

I am reluctantly compelled to write you again in respect of the endorsed licenses for Mrs Kate and James Cantwell and Edward Wootton of Niagara, applicants for Seine fishing stations Nos 13, and 14, in Lake Ontario and which is situated between Allans station No: 15 and Ralls station No: 12.— and between the Two and Four Mile ponds in the Township of Niagara. — —

Fishing station No: 13— "without a number"— was always heretofore so situated as regards the former stations Nos: 13. and 14. about the Centre of the ground. —

West space.— Here!!!— East space

No: 14. — "This is the position of Cantwells between Ralls ground. No: 12. for 16 years past. and Cantwells.

It was my intention "if the fishermen were agreable amongst themselves" for to divide the entire space between Allans No: 15, and Ralls No: 12, into two equal seine hauling grounds;— such however I refrained from doing by making No: 13— about 352 yards frontage, and No: 14, about 396 yards frontage. — In doing this I may tell you I did not by any means intend for to deprive Mrs and Jas: Cantwell, or any person else who might occupy the ground styled No: 13. of any part or parcel of the ground where the actual seine fishing was always during the last sixteen years; carried on by the late Alex: H. Gobb, and then after him by James Cantwell, and wife. — It has been fished on by the Cantwells under a license during the past 3 years. — And I recommend that they may obtain it, under license for 1882. in that shape and way.—

In buying off Mrs Ellick and boys, about Davey, John Dolan, about Ralls 1 boy, and A. Allan 1 boy of N. Wolfe Esq[re] 4 fishing grounds. K. K.—

Com: Commr of Fisheries.
Ottawa. — —

I have not disturbed them in their old licensed cutting limits; nor have I encroached on the licence limits of station No: 10 — licenses to Mess. and James Cantwell by the laying off the fair Ham grounds you ordered. — Hence my desire now, to correct an error I almost had perpetrated; for if those two licenses I now return to you to be cancelled, were issued to Cantwell and Wootton, "without further consideration on my part" — as their present Langling and disputes between Cantwell and Wootton, must be a sure result. — Because I may inform you Edward Wootton picked for Cantwell on this licensed fishing ground, last season; I have referred to, and the result was a bitter disagreement and law suit. — I have had no business whatever myself directly with Edward Wootton about a fishing ground: but I have had with his son Richard, and with Mr. J. B Clench, M. P. for Niagara, who has his pledges for a fishing ground. — His son, with whom I corresponded paid me $ 15. and asked to have the licence issued to Edward Wootton, who as Richard Wootton's father. — —

To avoid trouble between Cantwell and the Woottons, happening again; I tried to have Richard Wootton take No: 17 so as not to be near Cantwell, but my kind offices was met by threats as I have, and as ... seen by Mr. Wootton's letter enclosed for perusal, with Cantwell. — — — I have not replied to this letter.

What I would now recommend for your further consideration is, that you will be pleased to cancel both those licenses, now enclosed to you for this purpose, and in their stead issue a New licence to Mess. Nicholas and James Cantwell, of Niagara, for this present year, of the certain gross fishery, under licence for years 1879. 1880. — and 1881. — in Lake Ontario, in the township of Niagara, near the fair ground, and I can stake it off afterwards, and you will please call this station No: 18. —

You will please do this without giving any

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bounds and limits; and date this license the 19th January 1882.— I saw yesterday Albert Rose, a respectable fisherman, who fished on the ground to point out to me actual limits, and bounds,— and I will then stake it off accordingly.—

Must now as regards station No: 14, a smaller same bearing ground, which this license Worthington insists on, he must get.——

You will please issue to him a license for fishing station No: 14, which will comprise the space between the western limits of Bentwell's fishing station No: 13.— and the eastern limits of Allen's fishing station No: 15, situated in Lake Ontario near the four mile pound in the township of Niagara, and please do this, without giving further limits and bounds,— And please date this license the 19th January 1882.—

By the enclosed letters addressed to me, you will find how discontented Bentwell and Worthington are, and be a useless to hard to please.——

As these people give so much unnecessary trouble and labour, make Bentwell's license for $20,— Worthington, the remain as it is $15. dollars.— And please insert all the Guarantee and protection clauses in each new license.— I hope you will pardon me, for so much troubling you and the department, but I confess it is to avoid all future trouble if I possibly can, that I now so fully address you.——

And with due respect.

I Have the Honor to be.——

Sir,—

Your Obedient Servant

A. McWilliams

Fishery Overseer.

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Private!

My dear Wilson,

You had better write to the department, Ottawa, and say, the Rough fish caught by the farmers last spring, was given by you to me to be included in my annual returns for the year 1881, in the same manner as it has been done for years past.

I will thank you to tell Caddy Hands boys - they had better go away home to Memorize the first honourable Bragg that springs up. I want no more Hobs to be cut out in the Returns in part of Port Credit. — I was in Toronto on Thursday, as a Witness before the Chancellor Ferguson; I am glad to say Reid and family are all well.

I am just completing all my returns. I will have them in this week, they are very extensive this year. —

Nurse has been catching some splendid Trout, he sent me a few of their fish - Lake Trout I mean. — With my kind and warm regards to Mrs. Storey and family, not forgetting your noble self. — Believe me as ever,

Yours Sincerely —

J. W. Kerr. —

Hamilton, Ont.,

7. February 1882.

The James L. Wilson

P. O.

Port Credit.

Fishery Overseer's Office —
Hamilton 8. February 1882.—

Sir.

I have the honor to send you herewith, a Bank draft No: 355, for the sum of Fifteen dollars.—

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows, for this current year of 1882.—

1. Charles Robert Reid, of Beamsville. For a license to fish one Seine not to exceed 100 yards long, and 400 yards of Pike gill Nets, in the waters of the 15. and 16. Mile ponds, which are situated in the Township of Louth.—

Bass fishing must cease altogether on the the 14th inst. of April next.— Pike fishing must terminate on the 1st inst. of May next.— However I want the license with these provisions inserted, to be issued for the entire year.— One please insert in the license all the protective clauses besides.— And with due respect,

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,—
Your Obedient Servant,
John W. Stark
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa.— — —

Office of Supt. of Fisheries for U. C.—
Hamilton, 12th mo. May 1860.—

Sir,—

While recently at Niagara, Granting Leases for fishing stations, I met a miserable creature, by name Leith, occupying the broken front of the Second property, called the old Indian encampment ground.—

Upon enquiring how he came there, he said he held a License from the late Hon: James Crooks family for his possession.—

This being a valuable fishery, I respectfully request you will please inform me, at your earliest convenience, under what Title you lay claim to this small piece of land, whether it is by purchase or by Lease from the Crown, if by purchase I will treat with you for a Lease of the Fisheries.—
And awaiting your reply.—

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant,
"Signed" John McLeay.—
Superintendent of Fisheries
for Upper Canada.—

David W. Crooks Esqre
Wilmot West.

A. True Copy.— Certified by me.—
Hamilton. Canada
9. February 1862.—

John W. Kerr.—
Fishery Overseer

Memorandum for Mr. S. P. Bennett
Fisheries department
Ottawa. —

Please find my returns herewith from Whitby Harbour to Burlington Beach. — Balance of them will be sent this week. — My report next week. I have your instructions. —

Yours respectfully
Hamilton, Ont. J. W. Kerr.
8. February 1892. —

Mem = for S. P. Bennett Esqre =
Fisheries department
Ottawa, —

I send Nos: 8 — of my division in just. herewith today, which you will please receive. —

I will have to start for Ridgeway and Port Erie on tomorrow morning. to procure for you the balance. —, Respectfully yours,
J. W. Kerr.

Hamilton, Ont.
9. Feb: 1892. = J. W. Kerr.

My dear Sir,—

Will you be pleased to receive herewith a true copy of the letter you required, and which I copied from the late John McCraig's letter Book, at page 17,—

Yours respectfully,
J. W. Keen—
Sheriff Wentworth,
Hamilton,
8. January 1852.

The Honble
Adam Crooks—
M. P. P.
75. Peter street
Toronto.

Private!

Hamilton. Centre
10. Feb: 1862.

My dear Mr Elliot

What do you think! Big Jem has written me to say, he could be getting if 2. a week, from the Buffalo boys. - and he enclosed me a letter he received from Mr J. B. Rykert,

Thus! - -

St Catharines Feb: 2. 1862.

Mr James Durand
Niagara. - - My dear Sir. -

I am in receipt of your letter and in reply have to say, that you will have to get Mr Kerr to give you peaceable possession. - If he hold the House to you it is his duty to get your peaceable possession. -

Yours truly. -
J.C. Rykert,

So much for Big Jem! - What do you think of him now. - - - Jem is a Brick!

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I attended before the Vice Chancellor Ferguson, on Monday last, at 10. a.m. and I produced Mr McEwan's Letter Book, and John B. Lewis, Original Letters of the 11th of May, and 28th of June 1860, - The testimony of those Letters contain are as follows, viz: Mr Adam Brooks James, that he informed me he had the Letters; and thanked me very kindly for preserving the Letter Book and J.B. Lewis's letters for him. - Young Lewis of Niagara, was there and swore the hand writing of the letters was his late Fathers writing. - And John D. McEwan, was there and identified Colonel John McEwan (his father) and his brother "Dick" Nicholls writing. - The case will be argued some time hence as a matter of law, or equity. - But the suit will come hard on Doctor Ogden, who is sure to lose! - -

Jack Robertson, has had a fortunate escape from being put in for he has to pay the Costs in this suit. He . . . of

do him some good, but it wasn't. — — —

I sent Wootton and Big Jams letters to Ottawa, let them decide all usual Courtly matters! except Big Jams for Station 13, and Balls station 12, — I have received all b'=cause Monies for Niagara fisheries thus far. if I may except your balance. — —

About smoked Sturgeon, hold on to it for me. — I have to go to Rodgeway, and Fort Erie, and I may drop down on you some night shortly. — Should I receive Big Jams and Williams here on tomorrow, or on Saturday, I will telegraph you, and you will be pleased to attend to what I will tell you. — Longhurst has written me to get back his old Canvas at the Tannery, — he can have it, but he must not sublet it. — perhaps he will buy that Seine of mine, at Big Jams. — I am at it adding accounts I expect to earn about $100. —

I caught a bad cold by changing my — — last Monday morning, and by getting up at 5. a.m. — I was at Columns myself, and the Wm Hollinsides. Jisbey two years — Highland Creek — I paid $1 — for two (½) cups of tea, four thin slices of meat (not beef), six small twists of bread and butter. — Except the cold I caught, sore throat and sneezing, I am all O.K. — Neither pain nor ache of any kind. — Not sick, nor sorry, and I have no — to complain of. — Not even bad — yet! — We are all well, and except as above, in the enjoyment of good health. — I sold Big Jam a Boat because for to fish for Stur= geon. — Are there still only two Buffalo Boats fishing; any one fishing, but those who have paid. — My Kind regards to Mrs Elliot and your girls. — Just while I am answering a letter from his grace — he has been kind= enough — and as good looker — at, he is answering to get up a law suit against me. — Yours Sincerely, — Wm Hollinsides. — Jisbey. —

Mr Thos: Elliot
Niagara.

de him have good, but it must. — —
I hate letters and beg you letters to
them, let them decide all such matter!
matters! except beg you for Victoria 13, over
Belle Victoria 13. — I have received all b=
ness allowed for which you gave him.
if I may except your balance. — —
Robert Newton Esquire, Hotel de
it for me. — I have it up to Wednesday
and Sit him, and I must stop down
as you have night already. — Thanks
I assume beg you, and letters have
in treasure, or in Natural, I write
telegraph you, and you with to phone
it letter I write to take you. —
Shipment has written me it yet hear he
she passed it the Thursday — he can
have it, but he must not bother it. —
pushes to mile by that back of mine,
it beg you. — How able withdrawing passed
I expect it now about $100. —
I suppose — have back by changing our
allotting but allowing passing, and by

getting up at 8 a.m. — I was at dinner,
engaged, and the Whitehouse. Robert has
been — Hyphened Beach — I paint it for
you (#) copy of the, for this photo of rose
sent leaf, big bowl bush of heart and
letter. — Except the order I bought here
Have sent passing; I am delighted —
photos received from Indiana. — but write I am engaged
I am you big. — but write I am engaged
I assume for his present or to the the the
for sent as first Indian and it, I am
assume it yet up + I am not expect me. —
Indiana me. — Yours sincerely,
Whitehouse. —
P.S. the: Whitehouse
Whitehouse. —

Fishery Overseer's Office,—
Hamilton, 13. February 1862.—

Sir,

I have the honor to apply to you for a Seine Fishing License for the fish with the Seine 200 yards long in the Twenty mile pond; also 500 yards of pike gill nets in the waters of same.—

Seine fishing will cease altogether on the 14th inst of April next, and pike gills not fishing must terminate on the 1st of May next.—

Please insert the particulars in the license, and in other respects your wife please insert the limits, same as in license issued last season to the late Abraham N. Grobb.—

The license for this season, I recommend shall be granted to the Widow Gilbert of Grape Pt, township of Louth.— The license fee is to be Fifteen dollars.—

I also beg to recommend that you will be pleased to renew this license at once.—

And with due respect.—

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

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Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Wheeler Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Toronto.

Fishery Overseer's office.—
Hamilton, 18. February 1862.—

Sir,

I have the honor to apply to you for a Fishing Licence, for Alfred H. Harris, and John Harris, of Port Erie,— for to fish in the Niagara River at Port Erie.— the licence for this current season, to be the same as last year, and please insert the protective clause.— Licence fee £3.0.-

Also! wish you to please to send me a Licence, for Mr. John Smith, of Victoria, township of Humberstone; for to fish in the Niagara River, during this current season.— This licence is to be the same as that issued to Mr. Smith last year.— please insert the protective clause.— Licence fee is to be £3.0.—

Dear with due respect.

I have the Honor to be,—

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

John W. Kerr.

Fishery Overseer.

Wm. P. Whitehead Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa.

P.S. I recommend that you will please to issue these licences immediately.— Yours &c.—

Hamilton. Ont.
12. Feb: 1882.

My dear Brook. — —

I am glad in receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, and I now enclose to you, your licence for to fish in the Outer Bay in Lake Erie, at Turkey point — Gu fishing Station No: 12, according to the plan and survey made by Mr. Hoo: W. Wark, Provincial Land Surveyor, dated 27th May 1881. — —

All you have to do now is, for to get Frank Jackson or any disinterested person, to put up two poles in line, one in rear of the other as staked out by Mr. Wark, please Mr. Brook to nail flag or a piece of cloth on the tip of each pole and Mr. W. Holmes, after you do this, can be given $100, and code, if he happens within your licence limits, without your permission. — and he will also forfeit his Net, and one

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Hamilton. Ont.
12. Feb: 1882.

My dear Reid. — —

I sent you your licence by this today. — I hope you will be successful. — Let us work immediately, and what are the fish you can. — The time you will possess by the licence as you will please observe in it. — —

And with warm regards, —

Sam. Jones Esquire. —
J. W. Stair —
Fishery Overseer
Hamilton. Ont.
12. Feb: 1882. —

Mr. Charles R. Reid —
Licence Holder.
Normandale —
Ont.

Hamilton, Ont:
13. February 1882.—

My dear Frank.—

Your letter received, I now send you, your licence for to fish in the Outer Bay of Lake Erie, at Turkey point for this year 1882.—

The licence for is $15, and the licence for the Inner Bay $10.— Total $25.—

This licence is issued according to the plan and survey made by Mr. Thomas Welsh, Provincial Land Surveyor, dated 27th May 1881. — I sent Mr. Wm Smoke his licence to day, and I write thank you to assist him to fix the rangers between Helmer and himself.— If Jones trespasses on you; you must stop him.— I will come up next week.— You need not tell anyone I am coming.— About the pound Nets,— I will talk with you, I come up.— Please keep some good fish for me.— And you can take

lines for Lake herring. if convicted.— —
You give him fair warning to keep off your Lake herring ground,— and take some reliable person with you; when you verbally notice him to keep off your ground.— — Do this on receipt of your licence, which I now send you.— You have a fishery act, read the 13 Section of that act, for your authority and guidance.—

I will come up myself early next week.— But you need not say so abroad.— Helmer has not answered my letter, notifying him, that I had received his licence for him, and I must send it to him on getting him $15. dollars.— With kind regards to Mrs Smoke and family. Believe me,

Yours Sincerely
Jas Kerr
Fishery Overseer.

Mr Wm Smoke,
Fisherman,—
Turkey point.

My dear Chet,

I sent your license today by Mail — I could not prevail upon them, to give anything to help out that piece of timber off your living ground. — Please send me your licence money, as soon as possible. Read over your licence carefully, and carry out the law in every manner, And with my kind regards to Mrs Harris, — Believe me, —

Yours Sincerely.
J. W. Fisher.
Fisherman.
Hamilton, Ont.
10. Feb: 1892.

Chester A. Harris.
Esq.
Ont.

Sweet, to do so. — —
And with Kind regards, —
Believe me — Yours Sincerely. —
J. W. Fisher.
Fishery Overseer.

Mr Francis Jackson. —
Fisherman. —
Turkey point.

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Jas. B. Plumb Esqre
Mt. P. — Pa.

My dear Sir,

I am in receipt of yours of the 12th instant, conveying to me the pleasing intelligence, that Mrs Perry's rent has been reduced from £100. to £20. a year; and for which please accept through me Mrs Perry's grateful and sincere thanks. — I have not yet received from you the letter you state to have written to me, just before you left home to attend Parliament. — It must have gone astray!! —

With reference to the sum of £200. applied for as due by Mrs B. Perry, as rent it appears she only owes £100. for last year, all those rents, are payable yearly in advance, but the fact is, she was not, and is not able to pay £100, rent for 1881, — so far, for £100. of the £200. dollars; you wish me to advise [illegible]

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out. — The second £100. is the amount to be paid in advance as rent for the year 1882. — You will I trust now understand this matter, and be satisfied, by having it so arranged that Mrs Perry will now pay £20. rent for the year 1881, now overdue. — and £20. now in advance for year 1882 — and so that will satisfactorily end the matter I hope.

I saw Mrs Perry, this afternoon, and I read your letter for her. — —

Now as regards Big Jim, and his pressing you about his fishing claim; I may here candidly tell you he has no genuine claim to Allans ground; he abandoned it. And the Allans have got their licence of the ground for 1882, for which they have paid the P. department. £20. this year. — Indeed when up the ground in question and while pressed by me, Elliott and his wife Mrs Elliott to retain it, he positively refused with oaths to do

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Hon, — In by and stop his mouth. I recommended him to get two other grounds which he holds under licence this year. — His great misfortune with Big Jem so far has the same show to fish for him the second year. — The department know everything about him, and I can not, and shall not write a word more on his behalf. — How for Wootton: he has it appears being blowing at a great rate about a certain ground: for what he has found his money. I may here say, that since Wootton told you those lies at the Races last fall, I have never spoken to him, but once. I forwarded fishery licences with his son Dick Rowland, and I may tell you I have a licence for him of the fishing grounds he paid his money for; but it is a small ground. and he will be hemmed in by Allan on one side and by Big Jem on the other side. — I advised him to take a ground between the two old ground and Kennedys whereas this he declined to do. —

I may tell you here how he will be situated; Big Jem has a licence for the fishery he backed on during the years 1879, 1880, and 1881. — Wootton fished the ground last year for Big Jem; and between the west boundary of Jems ground, and Allans ground Wootton holds his licence to fish. — I will go down there next week, and stake off Big Jems (western limits) ground. — — —

I pity any gentleman, an M. P. like you, who has to depend upon such fishery supporters as Big Jem, and Wootton. — — —

I am led to believe that you think and imagine, I am out up a fishery ground, and give it of my own free will and accord to Wootton or Houston or Allan, this is a matter and thing I never do. I recommend what I can think is right to the fisheries department, and what they order, I carry out, — if possible!! —

If Wootton has got himself in a tight place he has no one but himself to

blame. — —

I believe Mr Boyce, your political friend and supporter will have what law suit he spoke against him, by the Hon: Adam Brooks, — John B. Saunds, letters, and Colonel John McQuarig's letter book, have been found, and I produced them before the Vice Chancellor, in Court at Osgoode Hall, on 6th inst. —

It is a fortunate thing for Bolton, he loved to the Law, for the costs will be heavy. —

I have to apologize for writing at such length. — I was at Musgrave on Saturday night last, and Sunday morning. — Please see Mr Webster and recommend 500 to be given for Fish Breeding at Musgrave; and please tell him of the great success in Musgrave fishing, and put in a Journal — and for me in connection with it, and all other matters, and with dear respects

Hamilton, Ont.
14. July 1882.

Yours respectfully,
J. W. Kerr, J. P. —

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My dear Frith. —

I send you herewith for the 20 odd pounds, for the year 1882, by Mr Frith — today. — The licenses money is only $15. — Please let me have the amount as soon as possible. — Trust yourself, and all the Bass are fine, &c. &c. — I have seen for Bass lately. — I congratulate you on getting at the 2nd pond fishing again! — and I wish you every success, — Don't believe me as usual.

Yours &c &c
J. W. Kerr
Supervisor
Hamilton, Ont.
15. July 1882.

Mr Nelson Gilbert
Fisherman
Stoney Station
Post Office

Hamilton, Ont
16. April 1883.

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Please keep me posted
Yours truly
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Please let me have this amount as
soon as possible. — Yours sincerely —
Peter Gilchrist

P.S. — Please let me have this amount as
soon as possible. — Yours sincerely —
Peter Gilchrist

Hamilton, Ont
16. April 1883.

Mr. Charles Gilchrist
Hamilton.
Broken Letter.
Bad Office.

Hamilton, Ont.
16. April 1883.

Mr. Peter Gilchrist
City.

Dear Sir,

I have your favour of the 14th inst. —
in regard to the Broken Letter, and beg to
say that we will be glad to have this
matter adjusted. — We have written to
the Postmaster at Dalton, to know if
the Letter was left for delivery. —

I have to apologize for writing
on both sides of the sheet. — I was in a hurry
when writing. — Please see Mr. Gilchrist &
request him to call at our office. —

Yours truly
Gilchrist &

Private! -
and Official! -

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My dear Elliot

Yours received. you will please tell Bob Reid, from me he can have a license, but I must first have the money paid in before I apply for it. -- that are my orders from Ottawa. - - - Now with reference to W. Matthews, and Houston - they must pay. -

On the 23rd of January last, I applied for a license for John Reid, John Rayner, and William Matthews for the Jail Ice Lots grist and Lots and Lic. No. No. No. No. the Matthews cannot now get a second Boat without paying a separate license. - I don't suppose Matthews - of the license money, in that other Boat. - -

I have a letter from Mr J. A. Plumb M.P. - I have also received Big Jams license for the Jail ground license fee is $20. for this year. - Big Jam, will occupy the Jail ground, just as he has done every year, since he gave up his own ground, now and for all time to come; Complaint by the Allans Bros.

I have also received a license for Edward Wootton, to fish a Berth, between the western limits of Big Jams ground, and the eastern limits of the Allan ground. - Large or small, he is fixed there. - And see notice it be. - He insisted on getting No: 14, so he has! If any person wants stations Nos. 10 & situated between the Ice Ice, pond, and Albert Dacays ground; they can have it, Wootton refuses it, because I suppose he prefered being near Big Jam.

And there is No: 17. - also refused by Wootton. a good ground the best of them all. - pls so tell Allan he can have 17 or 10, his choice of them. - and to send on his money, only $15. for No: 10, - and $20; for No: 17. -

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in American waters. — If not put down by the Law should he punish them by the people. — In order to stop his cutting you, we, must arrange to allow only a certain number of Fishermen to occupy your Fishing grounds: — Are we stopping destroying, embarrassing destruction of the species by much [illegible] of these fishermen. — What say you! —

I got home all right. — and I sent on Basket of the Sturgeon to Ottawa, on yesterday — (Tuesday)

Hot St. Catharines Mercury, is a bad, bad hand to thank on. — We are all well, I will be down, as soon as ever I can. — Give [illegible] Fraser again! — Give us all [illegible] and Believe me with Kind regards to you all. —

Yours Sincerely
J. Whitton
Hamilton Ont.
15 July 1882

The Hon. Mr. Ellis
Niagara.

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I send you off. enclosed for to purchase the hair yourself, or if the Girl Offal was covered with clay, or some of that dung from your yard it will do as well. — Give some Boy an Job to do it. — I went on Sunday morning last, when I walked out from your House on to the Road, Girl Heads, Girl guts, Heads, & Sturgeon skins on the bank of the River, I wish you would give every man from this time forth who throws such things there any more. — I will thank you to take them up. — The Girl are sold and sent away daily, so must Girl heads guts, &c. &c. be also sent away. — When all Fishermen who I now talk you. — Every thing must be clearly and legally kept on the head of Niagara River. — See Section 15. & 16 Section 2. of Section 16. of the Fisheries Act. —

One more again: it is a great shame to have people going out — sailing to Girl, from Youngstown and Niagara.

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Niagara

My dear Mr. Barnet:— I took the liberty of sending you a small basket of smoked sturgeon on Saturday. — I took a run over to Port Colborne, on Saturday, then to Niagara. Left here on Niagara, and have again been on Sunday last. —

Sturgeon fishing with hooks and lines at Niagara, is the biggest thing — fishing that has happened yet! a great success. The fish average when dressed about 40 pounds each, — market price 5½ cents a pound dressed. — One sturgeon dressed over 65 pounds weight. — —

In dress sturgeon, the head is just cut off, the tail and fins are cut off, the gut taken out, and the fish is skinned; — The two gut men who began fishing have caught and sold upwards of $300, worth of sturgeon, and all the other have done well; besides beating the fish for sturgeon. — The Niagara fishermen were ignored — until the Buffalo Boys, were permitted to fish at Niagara. — — —

Many or plenty at Niagara, are hauling on an eight fishing, skinning and dressing sturgeon, and shipping them, who say gone or promise better but nothing to do. — Soon I will give the department an official report on the subject. — Many, many warm and sincere thanks for letter and Cartwright business, — I will try their matter now. — The spawn with Lieut. Cartwright and Oldham gunnels, is just about enough for Hatching 2 60 yard seine — nothing to spare. — I visited the place at 9. a. m. on last sunday morning. —

I send — letter from Mr. J. A. Clark

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M.P., Ottawa, just a recollection of

My dear Jack —

I received your Post Office Order, this afternoon for $1.30. — your license money for year 1882. —

Quite soon after I got your license from Ottawa, which I now send you by Post today. —

I was much pleased to learn from your Sister, and your brothers John, and Nicholas, who were so glad to see me on last Saturday afternoon, that you are well. —

Mind your business and strictly observe its contents, and with my kind and warm regards believe me

Yours Sincerely, —

J. Vickers

Mr John Garrick
Bertie,
International Bridge
Post Office

J. Vickers
Hamilton, Ont.
15. Feb: 1882

and Lambwalls letters. — I have replied to Mr Plumbs letter, by telling him I have received the license for Wootton his political friends and supporter. — I may tell you we are all friends and supporters of Mr Plumb, but for pity sake Mr. for who has to put up with such supporters as Wootton and Lambwell. —

Well you will please excuse me — Remember me Kindly to Mr Whitaker, I now positively walk, and I hope it will not be as a Candle, that flickers, to die. — Believe me —

With profound Respect,
Yours Sincerely,
J. Vickers
Hamilton, Ont
15. Feb: 1882

L. O. Armstrong Esq
Fisheries department
Ottawa. — —

P.S. — Has Hall Rock and Brace now allowed me on a quiet passage, and Help to me. —
J. W. Vickers

Hamilton, Ont.
15. Oct. 1883.

Herrn Professor Engel,
Ihrer Excellenz,
Gütigen
Antworten, Ont.

Hochgeehrter Herr!

Ich bin heute von Herrn Professor Hoffmann gebeten worden, Ihnen mitzutheilen, daß Sie sich bereit erklären würden, die Redaktion der Deutschen Abtheilung der Canadischen Monatsschrift zu übernehmen, wenn Sie dazu aufgefordert würden. Ich habe nun heute Herrn Professor Hoffmann gesagt, daß ich Ihnen diese Mittheilung machen würde, und daß ich Ihnen dann weiteres über die Angelegenheit schreiben würde.

Ich habe Herrn Professor Hoffmann gesagt, daß ich glaube, daß Sie sich dazu bereit erklären würden, die Redaktion zu übernehmen, wenn Sie dazu aufgefordert würden. Ich habe ihm gesagt, daß ich glaube, daß Sie sich dazu bereit erklären würden, die Redaktion zu übernehmen, wenn Sie dazu aufgefordert würden. Ich habe ihm gesagt, daß ich glaube, daß Sie sich dazu bereit erklären würden, die Redaktion zu übernehmen, wenn Sie dazu aufgefordert würden.

Ich habe Herrn Professor Hoffmann

Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton, 15. February 1882.—

Sir,

I Have the honor to send you herewith, a Bank draft No: 369. for the sum of Thirty dollars.—

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for a Seine hauling license granted to Wm. John Barrett of Beetle; just received; for to fish in the Niagara River, between Gibson Road and Deseronto during the year 1882.—

And with much respect

I Have the Honor to be

Sir,—

Your Obedient Servant,

John Wiskes

Fishery Overseer

W. F. Whitcher Esqre

Commissioner of Fisheries.—

My dear Hawkins,—

Your postal card of the 15th instant, just received.—

The funds you now apply for, have been already licensed to Mr Charles R. Reid, of Meaneville, who paid Money, and he has received his license.—

Had you and your St Catherines friend attended to my advice given to you, at St Catherines on the 14th of January last you could have had a license of both funds. Instead of doing so, you allow a month to elapse before you renew the application.—

Yours V. V.

Jas Kerr

Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton, Ont.

16. Feb: 1882.

Mr Jas: Hawkins,
Fish dealer,
St Catherines.

Memorandum for Mr S. P. Bowsell,
Fisheries department.
Ottawa.—

Will you be pleased to refer to Nos. 4. of my returns sent in to day, and insert therein for me, 8 Barrels of White fish, in Job No. Rennys off. at $12. per Barrel = $96.— This will make his total of catch 1056.— The total Number of Barrels caught in No: 4. of my division, 1056 Barrels of fish; Their Market value, will be increased by $96. making the total Market value, 7.788. dollars.— Your compliance will much oblige.— Your Obedient Servant

Jas Kerr

Overseer.

Hamilton, Ont.
16. February 1882.

Fishery Overseer's Office.—
Hamilton, 16. February 1882.—

Sir,

I have the honor to send you herewith, Bank draft, No: 394, for the sum of Fourteen dollars.—

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as license money for this current year, as follows:—

1. Mr. D. H. Smith, of St. Catharines: For a Net license to fish 2,000 yards of White fish, and fishing Pile nets, of legal sizes in respective months, in Lake Ontario, in front of Lots Nos. 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14, in the first Concession of Grantham, and to extend from the beach, out into the waters of the Lake, in front of the said lots, for a distance of four miles,— Amount now sent for license is, $10.00.

2. Mr. James H. Walker, of Clinton; For a license to fish one Seine about 120 yards long in Lake Ontario in front of Lots Nos. 19, and 20, first Concession of the Township of Clinton during this current year. The amount of license now sent is.— $4.00.

Total.— $14.00.

Will you be pleased to insert the foregoing licenses, in there licenses,.—

Have with due respect.—

I Have the Honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant,
J. Wilkes
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries
Ottawa.

Fishery Overseer's office.—
Hamilton, 16. February 1852.—

Sir—

I have the Honor to apply, and request that you will be pleased to send me, Two blank Boat licences, which I can fill up myself— for fishing for Oysters in that part of Burlington Bay, situated east and south of a line run direct from the east end of the board fence; Between Grant and Harvey's farms, on the South of the Bay, in the Township of Barton, Machin wharf— A. Beach; township of Saltfleet, for fishing whatever to be done in any part or portion of the Lakes, nor in any part of the waters of the Bay, but apart for the propagation of fish, nor in any part of the Bay, but that specified in Licence, for the privilege of fishing from present until until the 14th day of April next.— The licence fee in each case to be of 5. pounds in advance.—

You might for the description given fill up the licence yourself, putting in the particulars clauses,— Blank licences with for Regulation Rules, Burlington Beach,— 500 yards pike gill Nets, Each to be of 5.— I am under the Impression The licences from that the applicants might for for, for that fishing may be commenced, first as soon as your Convenience to.—

Each with due respect.—

I have the Honor to be,

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

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Fishery Overseer.

W. H. Wilkinson Esqre

Commissioner of Fisheries,

Toronto.—

Fishery Overseers office —
Hamilton, 16. February 1882.

Sir. —

I have the honor to apply to you, and I beg most respectfully to recommend that you will be pleased to furnish me to hearing to Phil D. Nutter, Sydney A. Curtis, of the Township of Barton, and Richard Sauffe of Burlington Beach, about 300 yards of Pike gill nets, I seized today in them, in the waters of Burlington Bay, and Lake Ontario, as already reported to you for Confiscation of the "Fisheries Act". — I may here state for your information, that Nutter and Curtis, have been Pike dealers, for many years past; and unfortunate in business, they have each of them large families. —

Sauffe has got only himself and wife, to provide for. — The proceedings were taken by me against these people before the seizing of the Pike Nets. — they I caution them! —

I leave the matter before you, for your adjudication thereon. And with due respect. —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
Inspector
Fishery Overseer

W. Wardrobe Esq
Commissioner of Fisheries —
Toronto. — — —

Hamilton, Ont.
17. Feb: 1882.

Sir.

Yours received, — I send by todays mail, a license for you to fish in Lake Ontario, in that space situated between the Western limits of Caulmells, Seine hauling ground. — And the Eastern limits of Allens, Seine hauling ground. — There is no yards Lake frontage given to Caulmells ground, and there is no number of yards Lake frontage given to this of yours. —

When I next come to Niagara, I will place a stake between Caulmells ground, and yours, — Your ground is, as you will observe per No: 14, Caulmells is 13, and Allens is 15, — and I may add in the absence, that no part or portion of a ground Enclosed by an Old Fisherman, will be taken from him, and given to new licensed fishermen. Yours, &c. J. W. Kerr. —
with Edward Woolton. & J. Cameron.

Hamilton, 17. Feb 1882.

My dear Sir, and Madam —

I send your licence today, for the Grobb station ground, No: 13, — in Lake Ontario, it is just as you have occupied it, and as you have hauled on it, for the years 1879. 1880, and 1881, — and as the late Abraham H. Grobb, occupied and hauled on it before you, the Fisheries department has licensed it to you just as it is; and no portion nor part of it, as occupied and hauled on, will be taken from you, because fee is $20. —

Edward Woolton, to whom I have this day sent licence; has the space, between the Western limits of your ground in Lake Ontario; and the Eastern limits of Allens seine hauling ground: but there is no number of yards mentioned "as Lake frontage" — in Woolton's licence nor any number of Lake frontage yards to your ground. — When I come down I will place a stake between your ground and Woolton. —

Yours Sincerely, —
J. W. Kerr. J. Cameron.

Yes Note and Fee:
Caulmells, Niagara,

Hamilton, Ont.
Dec. 31st 1883.

Dear Sir,

Yours received, & have duly attended to, & beg to say it put me in mind of a picture, in that opera glass between the theatre, limit of Dundurn, Main Locking Square. — Over the theatre limit of Dundurn, Main Locking Square. — Then it was a [illegible] Dundurn Square & [illegible] Dundurn Square. — Over & [illegible] between Dundurn & [illegible] Square, [illegible] Square & [illegible] Dundurn

Fishery Overseer's Office. . .
Hamilton, 17. February 1862. .

Sir

I Have the Honor to send you herewith, Bank draft No: 395, for the sum of Fifty dollars, — Will you be pleased to apply this amount, as follows, as a renewal license for this year to year: — viz.ts.

1. Mr Richard G Hunt of Lorch: "For a license to fish One pound Net only, with a single head or pot, and to extend into Lake Ontario, from the beach One Hundred and eighty rods. —

"This license is to occupy that portion of Lake Ontario, situated between the mouth of the sixteen Mile pound, and the Town line between the townships of Lorch and Clinton, Lincoln County". —

No person is to fish gill nets within the limits described, except the Licensee. . .

And with due respect

I Have the Honor to be,

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

J. W. White

Fishery Overseer

W. H. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa. . .

Fishery Overseer's Office.--
Hamilton, 28. January 1882.--

Sir

In submitting for your information returns of all the fish caught in the Hamilton Division during the year ending 31st of December 1881. I have the honor to report to you the pleasing intelligence, that there is an increase in the catch and take of all kinds of fish, for year 1881, over the previous year of 1880, amounting in the aggregate to a sum of $ 1.999. dollars.

This amount you will please find indicates, the same, is spread over, and included in each sub division, comprised within the limits of the Hamilton Division, over which I have the honor to preside for a period of seventeen years.

Thus:

Reported for year 1881.		Reported for year 1880.	
No 1. Amount	5.814.	No: 1. Amount,	4.480.
2 "	4.748.	2 "	8.854.
3. "	17.218.	3 "	10.624.
4.	7.750	4.	5.932.
Total for 1881.	$ 39.668	Total for 1880.	$ 29.693.
		Gold increase	9995.
	39.668.		39.668.

You will please find a steady increase in the fishery at Niagara in the last 4 years, each year during the past year has exceeded all previous years. This proving conclusively, that the Niagara River, and Lake Ontario operated upon, and with each other, when they come mingle together; and produce the necessary food in great abundance

[illegible] of Fisheries

Commissioner of Fisheries,

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White fish, Bass, Herring, Bass, Pickerel, even some Salmon, and Salmon Trout, and Sturgeon; that now frequent those waters, as far up as Port Dalhousie in Canada, and down the Lake, as far as Wilson in the United States.-

The fishermen at Niagara have all done well during the past year, and at this present time are all actively engaged catching sturgeon with Hooks and Lines, and which are sold and shipped to the Buffalo Market, by Railway, at 5 cents per pound.---

As a proof positive of all I report about the successful fishing carried on at Niagara, I beg to refer you to my annual return No: 3, and I may add that the fishermen of Niagara, have already paid for licenses issued to them by the department, the sum of $174. dollars, for to fish during the year 1882.- The White fish are very numerous in Lake Ontario, and in Burlington Bay - and it is owing wholly to adverse Easterly winds, which operated against Seine, and Gill net fishing that more and greater quantities of White fish have not been caught during the past year.-

And although there have been some few contraventions of the Fisheries Act, committed during the year 1881.- I am pleased to report that I had no occasion to fine any licensed fishermen; - although as already reported I did seize about 1100 yards of Pike gill nets, as I have already reported to you.---

Spearing for Bass, pike and Herring, was a success in Burlington Bay, during the year, as you will see by Return No 2 and Seining and Trawling was also a success in Burlington Bay, during the year of 1881.

Salmon were by no means as numerous in Duffins Creek, last fall, during spawning time as they have been at the same time, during [illegible] years.

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guardians there, were most watchful, careful, and attentive to their duties, as their diaries point out and convince me. —

Two large Salmon in prime condition were caught during the past year, one near Oshawa, in Lake Ontario the other at Lucanston in the Niagara River; and several other Salmon have been caught in various parts of Lake Ontario and except two, all were liberated alive by the fishermen.

One very large Salmon, a Sturgeon, I am certain am sure from the description given me, came over Niagara Falls he appeared to be like those Sturgeon, and Pickerel, who from their dark appearance have and are repeatedly coming over Niagara Falls. — This fact is so familiar and well known to fishermen at Lucanston and Niagara. — —

Trout fishing at Bronte, in Lake Ontario, is very successfully carried on, by the Messrs Joyces, and Ingledew, as my letter No: 3, will point out all these things to you, I need not again repeat the matter to you here. — —

Fishing in the Niagara River at the Mouth, has been very good, and Hook line fishing for Pickerel and Sturgeon, by thirteen fishermen in Lake Erie, who reside near the Old Fort, township of Bertie, has been very successful. This you will please find on my return No: 14.

The fish caught, are disposed of in the Buffalo Market, and nearly all the fish, are caught in American, U.S. — waters. — Messrs John W. Ramsey, pound Net fisherman, at Point Abino, Lake Erie, gave up fishing in June, last year, Hence I have nothing more to say about him at present, in this report: No: 4. Gives amount of fish caught by Messrs Ramsey.

Messrs Walling to Hull, of Erie; and Andrew Hughes of Evangeline Fishing Canneries, in charge of the Head waters of the Credit, Humber, Speed and Grand Rivers, reported to me that speckled Trout are on the increase persons were prosecuted and fined last fall by Messrs Hull, for catching speckled Trout during the

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close season. — I reported this matter to you on the 17th of December 1881. — and I sent you Jones, per Bank draft No: 159.

I have no fish officers in my division at their disp[osal]. — I endeavour to do mine. — —

Hoping you will be satisfied with the fishing results of the past year; I and with my profound respect. —

I have the Honor to be,

Sir

Your Obedient Servant,

John W. Kerr

Fishery Overseer. —

Hamilton Division. —

Ontario. —

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Hamilton, Ont.
20. February 1882.—

My dear Ramsay.——

I received your letter, but it was late as usual.—And it does not contain the information, I required, and which if you had supplied me with; might serve you, but as matters now stare me in the face, I cannot do any thing for you.—

Now then here is how matters stand as I have them in my Books. Vz. Vz.—

On the 5th of February 1879.—you paid me £240. for licence to fish four pounds, I paid Money same day into Bank of Montreal, here. and Bank draft No: 451, for that amount, obtained licence which I sent you.——Rate was £60. per pound.

On the 27th of August 1879. I received from you £60. for licence for ten pounds for Thomas Ramsay & Son.— I sent Bank draft No: 320. for licence to Ottawa, which I sent you same day.——

Now then in referring to my returns for the year 1879.—made by me on the day of January 1880, to The Commissioner of Fisheries Ottawa.—I find you are returned for four pounds, at Point Alexander, and Thomas Ramsay, is returned for two pounds at Shaslers point, Pz.——So much for the year 1879.———

Now for the year 1880.——

You paid me £150. for licence to fish three pounds:—thus! On 22d. of May 1880,— by Bank draft No: 64.— I sent £100. dollars. I received from you to fisheries dept. Ottawa, on a/c. — On the 7th of April 1881— I sent the department, Ottawa; Bank draft No: 516. for 25.— I also received from you on a/c of licence for year 1880.—And on the 25th of May 1881.— I also sent the department, Ottawa, Bank draft No: 82. including £25. in full, for three pounds fished by you, during the year 1880, so that settles that... I find on reference to my Annual return for 1880.—that you are returned by me

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on the 10th of January) 1881 - for 3. pounds. —
He above disposes of you for year 1880. —
Now for the Thomas Ramsay. Bay Cabin to
Moose point; In accordance of his promise not
catching great quantities of fish in the fall
of 1879. — I recommended that his license
for, be $60. for year 1880. — (for 2 pounds.)
On 8th day of April 1881, By Bank draft
No 1429, I sent department Ottawa $30. on acct
of this license. — And on the 31st of May 1880. —
I sent the department, Ottawa, Bank draft
No 184. for the balance $30, — for fishing two
pounds as above; and I find I returned the
amount of fish caught by those 2. pounds
in my annual return for 1880, made by
me, on 10th January 1881, — And so, the
year 1880 is disposed of altogether. —

Now for the year 1881. — My applic-
ations for you for this year was to fish
4 pounds, — for yourself, and Thomas Ram-
say. — Between Moose point and Rose
Point Cabins $20, for each

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pound; I understood you, on the 5th of July
last, when I delivered to you your licence
in good faith, that you would shortly pay
your license Money, for year 1880 $20.
that you would soon pay up balance
Low due $160. — But from that day to the
we received no more Money from you for
year 1881. — I find that on the 14th day
of July 1881. — By Bank draft $70:370. — I sent
the dept Ottawa; from you, $50 for Robt.
and Thomas Ramsay, of Bay Cabins $20. —
on acct of licence as above. — And so matters
stands thus for year 1881. —

By Sub section 3. of section 15. of the
Fisheries Act, licensees of fisheries shall have
no claim to renewals if in arrears of
rent, during 4 months after the same
is due. — I remark, and I deeply regret to
recommend a renewal of your licence
for this year. — And believe me, —
John W. Ramsay Esqr, Yours Obediently, —
Bay
Ridge

P.S. H

It appears you only
pished 3. pounds. during the year 1881.—
Hat would be ₰ 150. dollars; from
which deduct, ₰ 40. you have paid,
this will leave ₰ 110, still due for
year 1881. — I dare not, as you
will observe, in the face of the sub
section I have quoted, recommend you
for a renewal of license. — My wife
balance at once! — Yours as usual. —

Hamilton Ont.,
20. Feb 1882,

J. W. Stone
D. Carmen

Private.

My dear Mr. Plumb, —

I send you herewith, a letter, which I received to day from Mrs. Fanny A. Wynne, widow of James Wynne, deceased of Lucanstow. — He died last week. —

Mr. Wynne as you are aware, held an office in the Customs department, at the Village of Lucanstow, for several years past, — if it does not interfere with other arrangements you may have in contemplation for some worthy friend, and supporter, I would like very much to see young Wynne appointed to his fathers place. — It would greatly accommodate to your House, as you are aware the deceased was a Grit, and was appointed by the Hon: Alex: Mackenzie's Government. Mr. William Kirby, of Mr. a year, under whom young Wynne has been serving for his late father; will be able to state to you his fitness for the place. —
And Mrs. Wynnes letter, which I print out to you

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P.S.

It appears upon enquiry
Pedro 3. Pascoe, during the year 1881.-
that amount to £150. dollars; upon
which account, £ 40. upon them paid,
this sum leave £ 110. still due for
year 1881. — I have not as yet
such advance in the case of the said
Pedro I have spoken [illegible] Pascoe
for a removal of Debtors. — Yours
[illegible] ever!. — Yours as truly, —
Hamilton Watts.
20. Oct. 1882.

Hy Watts
J. Bonner

Memo:

Pedro Pascoe Esquire.
Letter, dated 3 November, to Lord Penn Hills. Stanley &
Rogers, Insolvency of James Rogers, deceased of
Launceston. — He dont dont want. —
Hy Rogers no Penn are aware, take no of
fice in the Insolvency Department, at the
Offices of Launceston, for several years past. —
if it does not interfere with other arrangements
Penn may have in contemplation for those matters
Pascoe, our support. I wonder the only
must to see young Rogers appointed to
his Native Place. — It would greatly re-
lieve to Penn Hills, as Penn are aware
the Insolvency was a first one of
Pascoe by the Hon: Atty: Alexander in
Government. Hy Watts Esquire, of Hy
Penn, under whom young Rogers has been
serving for his late Partner; was he able to
state to Penn Hills Pascoe by the Place. —
Penn Hills Rogers Letter, wish Penn out to Penn

her present position in life, with a large family.—

All things now considered, I hope you are satisfied with the disposition of fishing stations at Niagara.

Ha. Allans, Wootton, Thornton, the Balls are all provided with Seine hauling grounds; and Rej Jem has got two, to himself, and his wife.— It would never do, to deprive the Allans of their ground.—

I do really think the arrangement made should be satisfactory to all those friends and supporters of yours.— I am made aware by the department, per copy of your letter sent you 17th instant, sent you by Mr. Whitcher, the Commissioner that you are in possession of all the facts, connected with the said Seine hauling grounds,— As between man and man Keeping you in view. I hope you now consider that I have acted fair, and squares towards every person concerned.

R. R. Waddell, has been nominated by a large Conservative meeting held here on last Saturday for the House of Commons, as Candidate at next Elections!

Carpenter, again and again refuses to accept the nomination, he being present at the time of making declined a Nomination.

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... to-day, and ... for Hugh Murray.— R. R. Waddell is going shortly to Ottawa, to endeavour to have the Constituencies adjusted, so as to be settled by the New change to get into Parliament.— Waddell says, you are to be shelved, by an appointment as Bank Inspector, and so Niagara is to go into the arrangement.. I see by the last week, the Globe, called to me about arranging those New Ridings, for voting purposes.—

I suppose when Waddell, arrives at Ottawa, you will see him, he will have a hard time of it, to get into Parliament; even suppose a change is made in the South Riding of Wentworth to suit him, already has commenced to canvass,—

Believe me with much Respect,—

Yours very obediently,

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21. [illegible] 1872.

J. B. Plumb Esq.
M. P. for Niagara
Hours of Session

her present position in life, with a large family. —

All things now considered, I hope you are satisfied with the disposition of finding stations at Athens.

Mr. Allen, Marietta. Thornton. The Wells are well provided with their teaching powers; one boy for the art two, to himself, one for wife. — It would never do, to depress the talents of this present. —

I do really think the arrangement made above satisfactory to all these friends our superiors at Athens. — I am much aware of the [illegible] department, for copy of your letter last year 17th instant, last year of wh. Mariette, the Commissioner that you are in possession of see the Board. communicate with the said three teaching powers. —

It between now and now. Keeping you in mind. I hope you now consider that I have rather [illegible] powers toward your present assistance.

P. P. Mercein. Has been nominated by a large Democratic meeting held here on last Saturday for the Athens, to succeed at next election!

Confer, again on again refusing to accept the nomination, to keep present the time of meeting adjournment. —

[illegible] Athens. Mariette. is going shortly to Athens, to endeavour to have the penitentiaries to Piqua, be on to be under [illegible] the glass charge to get into Parliament. — Whereas says I you are to be [illegible] [illegible] appointment as Asst. Surveyor as Wright is to go into the arrangement. —

You are very best wish, from Christ, Father to our absent emerging times when Duncan, for [illegible] purpose. —

I suppose when Mariette, remain at Athens! you make her this; to make home a last time of it, to get into Parliament; you suppose a change is made in the South Building of Wilmarth to suit him, already he commences it seems, —

Desires me with plural Compact, —

Yours very [illegible], —

[illegible], —

[illegible], Esq.

Mr. Chairman [illegible]

J. A. Bland Esq.

M. P. for Wright —

Town of Newmarket, —

Dear Gilbert,

Will you be pleased to receive accompanying this Postal today, your Permit for the year 1882.—

This will startle some of your Subscribers.— David Tyson, for instance.—

I obtained a Seine License for Mr. Jas: H. Walker of Clinton, which will be sent him to-day.

Will you be pleased to send me, the Names of those persons who fish with Seines, every spring between the 30. Mile Creek, and the 15 Mile pond.— But no more take out a License.

And with my warm regards.—

Yours Sincerely
J.W. Stan
D. Convener.

Hamilton, Ont.—
21. February 1882.

My dear Sir,—

Will you be pleased to find accompanying this today, your License for to fish 2,000 yards of White fish and Herring fish Nets in Lake Ontario; as granted to you by the fisheries department, in compliance with your application.——

White fish gill nets must not be less, than 5. inch meshes, extension measure.——

Herring fish Nets. 2½, 3. and 3½ inch, meshes extension measure.——

I wish you every Success, obey the law, and believe me.——

Yours truly.—
J.W. Stan
Deputy Overseer.
21. Feb: 1882.

Mr. W. H. Leist
care of
Messrs Taylor & Bates,
St. Catharines.

Yours of 21st instant, has just been received: I am very much obliged to you for the information it contains. — I sent Wootton, and Big Jim (each) their licenses on the 17th instant, and I wrote to each of them assigning [illegible] respective grounds. — I have heard nothing from them since; so I suppose they are satisfied: — Wootton has got Station No: 14; all the space between Big Jims western limits of 13, Station, and the eastern limits of Williams, No: 15, Station. —

It appears that on the 17th instant, Mr. J. B. Plumb, paid a visit to the Fisheries department Ottawa, in the interest of Big Jim & Wootton. I suppose he was shown the correspondence, and business, and everything was explained to him, that had been done in the matter; and Mr. Plumb was perfectly satisfied. — [illegible] and dissatisfied people. — Here is what the department wrote Mr. Plumb. M. P. on 17th instant: "Dear! — Referring to your appli-

cation on behalf of Mr. James Wootton, I am desired by the acting Minister to say that the arrangements of the stations were made after careful enquiry through the Fishery Overseer; and as the department considers the same just, towards all parties concerned, there does not seem to be any and sufficient reason for disturbing the settlement." — In my letters all through, I maintained that old fishermen, should not be deprived of a foot of their old Seine hauling grounds; — Hence! how it is, with Wootton, Williams, Thornton, Big Jim, Bailey, Bolton, Davey and Elliot and boy. — I occupy now, the fair and upright position that I do as between man and man amongst you all.

I understand Thomas Wynn, of Duncanston, is dead and gone, a place for one Mr. Plumbs supporters, I will report to the department about the sunday fishing; I think the landing of the fish caught on Sunday, on Canadian soil on Monday, will get them.

If Wade and Keating have descended

My dear Sir,

Yours of 21st instant, has just been received: you must oblige us by the information it contains. — I sent Mr Hutton (and Jem/and) their license on the 12th instant: and I wrote it and of them exceeding limit of respective grounds. I have been writing them since: do I suppose they are satisfied: — Mr Hutton has got Station No: 11: also the square between Big Jems western limit of 15 station, and the eastern limit of Gibsons No: 15 station. —

It appears that on the 12th instant, Messrs J. & A. Brunel, paid a visit to the Station depastured by Gibson, on the interest of Big Jem's location I suppose he was shown the corresponding, and leaving was explained to him, that he was done in the matter; and why Brunel was perfectly satisfied. — He must go elsewhere and disentofyer people. — Give us what the depasturer needs why Messrs. J. & A. on 12th instant: Yes! — Replying to your app-

action on behalf of the Jimmee Downers, Jem desires by the Acting Limits to say that the arrangement of the station was made after employ enquiry through the Station Keeper; and as the depasturement includes the home Jem, towards all practicable reserves, this does not seem to be any just sufficient reason for disturbing the settlement." — My letter will through I maintained that the Jemmee, should not be deprived of a part of their Jems land occupancy; — How! how it is, with Messrs Gibson, Hewitt, Big Jem, Bales, Bottom, Brunel and Stuart our Big — I accept now, the Jem must supply position that I in no instance now and more encourage you all.

I mentioned above Messrs. J. Brunel, as since our, a place for the Station keeper Mr Hewitt report to the depasturement about the survey pitching; I think the locating of the first employ Brunel, or Jem Station Hall or Hewitt, make Petal them.

It looks our Acting Jems discretion favourably, our Station to pick in our

waters, they must pay each! $2.50 ℔. more if they sell in seperate Boats. I suppose when Brig Jem. applied to Pte Blewett pil. p., — he never thought I would hear of it. — I may tell you however that Pte Blewett himself was the first to write me about it. — However; never mention to any one what I write you about such things! —

On my return home, I sent one Basket of Sturgeon, to Ottawa; — and the following will explain to you the result. —

Copy.

Dear Mr Ross

That smoked Sturgeon is simply ~~extra~~. — I had some for breakfast this morning, and both myself and my brother in law, Senator Dumouchel, pronounced it too, too!! — With many thanks. —

L. P. S. —

It will be some days before I can come over. Keep on the alert. They will never know from whom I get my information! Who is the second Party you allude to! —

[illegible] the second Party

when they picked up on the 19th Sunday, and left the jail, on American side to evade the Police, and brought them into Canada — next day, Monday. — — Keep on Keeping on 'till' of the Rogues caught, whether on American or Canadian waters, it matters not. —

Since the above, I have it [illegible] that I do not hear from Brig Jem, any more. — —

From my home agents to [illegible] and the Police as well I am pressed by [illegible] for my profits. —

Ever believe me Yours truly. —

John W. Ross

Quebec 22 February 1872

Pte Thomas Secord

Brigham. — —

Ont.

Fishery Overseer's Office. —
Hamilton, 22. February 1862. —

Sir

I have the honor to report for your information, that one of the licensed Sturgeon fishermen, residing in the Town of Niagara; and who fish in the United States waters of Lake Ontario, near the American Fort over from Niagara, and out there on Sunday last, the 19th instant, fished up in broad day light, took the sturgeon caught off their hooks, and lines, and as is supposed baited the hooks, sat them out again in American waters of Lake Ontario; and leaving the Sturgeon they had then caught, behind them in some secure place; they rowed back to the Town of Niagara; without the fish. —

On last Monday morning however, those same fishermen went back to the United States waters, & fished up again, caught some more fresh sturgeon: And with them Sturgeon they had already caught on Sunday, they returned, landing all the fish in the Town of Niagara. — I would beg, if it must be [illegible] for the future; how this business of fishing stopped in American waters, & I respectfully appeal to you for instructions as to how I am to accomplish it. — The warden there does not know it. — Neither I believe does the Dublin Government. — I am Sir Your ob't Servt

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedt Servant
Thos Wilkes
Fishery Overseer

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries
Ottawa.

Hamilton, Ontario. —
24. February 1882. —

My dear Mr. Wilmot. —

Yours of the 21st inst is received. — —

You desire me to let you know where Puslinch Lake is, and how it can be approached. In reply I have to inform you, that it is situated in the township of Puslinch, and in the County of Wellington. — —

By arriving at Hamilton, by a Train which leaves Toronto, Union Station, at 10. A. M. and 1. p. m., you will connect with a Passenger Train, that leaves Hamilton at 3.35. p.m. reaching Hespeler Station on the Wellington, Grey, and Bruce Railway, at 5.25. p.m. distance from Hamilton to Hespeler is 32 Miles, by Railway, and no change of Cars, by this Train. — The Lake is back from Hespeler to the East about 2 Miles, over a good gravel Road. — And at Hespeler, there is a fountain of pure spring water, where the fry can be refreshed. — By notifying me in time, I will have a person waiting there with a Scow and light waggon, to take the fry back to the Lake. — Will you be so good as to furnish the Lake, with Ten thousand White fish fry. — Ten thousand Salmon Trout fry, and about Five thousand speckled Trout fry. — I send you an article I cut this day from Hamilton Spectator; it appears to me White fish fry, hatched out as early in the season as those referred to in this article will not live! while some people against that say! White fish in their natural state are spawning all the time; others say, the same white fish do not spawn every fall, only every other fall. — — I have already written Mr. J. B. Plumb, M. P. — about a Niagara Hatchery. — I will do so again. —

Sam: Wilmot Esq. Supt. F. C. — Newcastle, Ont.

Yours Sincerely. —
John W. Kerr.
Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton, Ontario.
24th February 1883.

My dear Mr Mallock,

Upon of the 21st inst. I cannot so recommend. — —

Upon closing me to let you know where Rowland Hyde is, now he can be appointed to replace Thos. it seems upon that it is but matter in the township of Rowland, and in the township of Mellonyton. — —

I'm running at Hamilton, by a train which leaves Clarence Union Station at 10. A.M. and 4 p.m. upon mile connect with a Steamer upon Thurs. that leaves Hamilton at 3.30 p.m. connecting steamer Station on the Mellonyton, Thurs. upon Thurs Returning at 5.30 p.m. distance upon Hamilton to steamer is 38 miles, by Railway, and Returning, upon no change of Thurs. by this Steam. — The date is back upon steamer to the East about 2 miles, over a good upward River. — Just at steamer, there is a Junction of Two Railways, where the Jul can be changed. —

Notifying me in time, I would have meeting there with a Steam our light upon. to take the Jul back to the date. — Hope he be so good as to Furnish the date with the Answer which Jul. — the Answer below about Jul. — about this Answer depended about Jul. — I have upon on outside I but the day upon Hamilton depositing it upon to me while Jul Jul. Interior out as early in the season as there is Answer to in this outside mile not Line! while some people appoint that Jul. while Jul in their natural state are upon only one time; other Jul the same while Jul do not upon every Jul, only every other Jul. — I have already with upon J. B. Blank. Jr. J. about a Telegram stating. — I will do so again. —

Yours Sincerely,
Mellonyton Esq.
Hamilton, Ont.
Stanley Brown.

Hamilton, Ont.
24. Feb: 1882.

My dear Mansfield. —

Yours received! I have already two applications in my possession to hunt Grenadiers Reef, besides yours! — If you are going to fish for pike there, I must have all the Money to send down when I apply for a license. — A Catfish Hyke or Hoop Net will be an additional license, and an additional license fee. — —

Fishing for pike with fish Nets must all terminate on the 14th of April, as close season for Bass, commences on the 15th of April, when all spark Nets, shall be lifted. — And no fish Nets shall be fished between 6. o'clock on Saturday night, & 6, a.m. on the following Monday morning, in each week. — Whoever gets the license, if you, not a single other can fish there. — —

Yours, Ve. Ve.

J. W. Starr
Fishery Overseer.

To Thos: Mansfield,
Grenadiers Reef.

Private.

My dear Sir. —

I had a letter from Mr. Samuel Wickett a few days ago, he says: "Referring to your proposed Hatchery at Niagara; How is the time to push it with your Members." — I will do all I can for you." — —

Will you be pleased to attend this little matter as you have promised you would! or shall I apply to any one else. — — —

The Reformers of South Wentworth, had a Meeting in Hamilton, on thursday last, and Nominated Mr. James Lowmerville, of the Dundas Banner, as Candidate for House of Commons, — vice Mr. Joseph Rymal, M. P., and Mr. Awrey, the present sitting M. P. P., for the Local House of Parliament. — —

Report has it, that Mr. Jos: Rymal, will oppose Mr. MacCallum, M. P. in Monck. —

Also report says, that Waddell is now sure of his Election! with Ancaster &c, South Wentworth and Grimsby townships,

Hamilton, Ont.
25. February 1882.

My dear Sir.—

Will you be pleased to to receive by Mail, sent you this day. a Basic Hauling license for to fish in Lake Ontario, in front of lots No. 19. and 20. in the 1st Concession of the township of Clinton.—

Your brother. Judge Walker, of Hamilton, paid me $4. for the license which I forwarded from you to the Fisheries department, Ottawa.—

Believe me, with due respect,

Yours truly.—

John W. Kerr

Fishery Overseer.

James H. Walker Esqre
Clinton.—
Beamsville. P. Office.

taken into Westminster Court. Whether Victory is doubtful sure. - I have not yet learned how Mr. J. C. Rykert. M. P. has been disposed of. - - -

I may mention for your own information and for Sir John and the Privy Council generally. — That this provincial boundary question is the only thing upon which adverse opinions are expressed as regards Sir John A. and his administration. - I mean as amongst some Conservatives. - - Of course as regards Grits. they are all down on Sir John.

I have no more News to send you. And with due respect.

I have the Honor to be,
Sir. —
Your Obedient Servant
John W. Kerr
Hamilton Ont.
25. February 1882.

J. A. Plumb Esq
M. P. D. — of Commons. —

My dear Madam. - -

I duly received your sorrowful letter conveying to me the sad intelligence of your Husbands death, and Burial, which I deplore as a Friend, and sympathise with you in your bereavement. - -

As you requested I immediately wrote Mr. J. B. Plumb. M. P. House of Commons. Ottawa; and here is what I said in behalf of your son to Mr. Plumb. - - Thus!

"If it does not interfere with other arrangements, you may have in contemplation. for some other worthy man and supporter." - I would like very much to see young Wayne appointed to his fathers place". - It would greatly redound to your Honor".

"Mr. William Kerby. of Niagara. under whom young Wayne. has been serving for his late Father. will be able to state to you his fitness for the place". - Then Mr. Waynes letter, will point out to you. his present

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position in life. with a large family". -

I have not yet had any reply from Mr. Plumb. whenever I do, I will communicate it to you. - You still have the Post office, does it pay you much in the year, and do you wish to retain it; if so! be pleased to write me on the subject, and I will apply to Mr. Plumb. and recommend you to be appointed Post Mistress. if you say so! - The first time I come to Lewiston; - I will call, and with my Kind regards, and wishes for your future welfare. - Believe me. Yours respectfully. -

J. W. Kerr.
Hamilton. Ont.
25. Feb: 1882.

Mrs. Jane A. Wayne.
Lewiston. P. Office. -
Ont.

"Fishery Cruisers Office.—
Hamilton. 27. February 1882.—

Sir.

I have the honor to apply to you for licences for the Boat Nel. of Port Dalhousie, fishers.

The licences for this present year, to be in all respects, just [illegible] those licences issued to him by the department. for the past season of 1881.

And with due respect. I remain &c.

I have the Honor to be

Sir.

Your obedient Servant.

John Wm Kerr

Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Wilson Esq.
Fisheries.
Ottawa.

Fishery Overseer's office.-

Hamilton. 28th February 1882.-

Sir.

I have the honor to apply to you for a Net Lease, for the B. of Head of Clinton, in the Township of Saltfleet, and South Riding of Wentworth, Fisheries; for to fish 3500 yards of Lake Trout and White fish Gill Nets of Legal sized meshes; and Herring gill nets in Lake Ontario, in front of the Township of Saltfleet, and to extend from the beach outwards into the waters of the Lake in front of said township, six miles.--- The license fee is to be Eight dollars for year 1882.- I recommend that you will be pleased to grant the same. — And with due respect,

I have the Honor to be,-

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

J. Hill Ker

Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esqre.

Commissioner of Fisheries. —

Ottawa. — —

Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton, 27. February 1882.—

Sir,

I have the honor to apply to you, for a Boat Li=
cence, for the Inlet Shore of Grimsby, County of Lincoln=
shire: To a set 3,000. yards of Salmon Trout, and
White fish gill Nets; and Herring gill nets, in Lake On=
tario, in front of the Town ship of Grimsby, County of
Lincoln; and to extend from the beach outwards into the
waters of the same, for a distance of Six Miles, in front
of the said township of Grimsby: And I recommend
that you will be pleased to grant the same for 1882.
at License fee of Six dollars.——

And with due respect,

I Have the Honor to be,—
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant.
John W. Kerr.
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Wicksteed Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries.—
Ottawa.

Fishery Overseer's Office.—

Hamilton, 27th February 1882.—

Sir,

I have the honor to apply to you for a Boat license for this current year (1882,) for Wm. Charles Hurse, of the Humber Hotel, township of Etobicoke, County of York.— For to fish 4,000 yards of Salmon Trout, White fish, and Herring gill nets in Lake Ontario, in front of the Township of Toronto, and to extend outwards into the waters of the Lake, for a distance of Six miles.— I recommend that you will be pleased to grant this license; the fee to be ten dollars.— —— season of 1882.— —

In putting out a station in the County of Peel.—

Again, I beg most respectfully to recommend that you will be pleased to grant a Boat fishing license to Wm. Charles Hurse, of the Humber Hotel, for to fish — Lake Ontario between the Etobicoke water Works pumping House, and the mouth of the Humber, distance about 2 Miles around a curved shore of Lake Ontario. I recommend the license fee to be ten dollars.— —

This license will be altogether in Wm. William Hollinsworth division and who as more directly charged with it, I beg you will make between us, on the 6th instant. I apply for the licenses this year.— —

And with due respect.—

I have the Honor to be,

Sir.—

Your Obedient Servant

Jos. W. Kirk

Fishery Overseer.

W. J. Wheeler Esq.

Commissioner of Fisheries,

Ottawa.— —

Fishery Overseers Office.—

Sir— Hamilton 27. February 1852—

With reference to your letter of 19th of January last, in which you say:- "Now that W. B. Woolland has given up fishing in Ashbridges Bay it is deemed better not to issue any more licenses for Seine hauling there";—

In reply to this, I beg most respectfully to inform you that the Seine hauling licence then asked for!— is for Seine fishing in Lake Ontario, and not in Ashbridges Bay.—

Mr James Martin I believe thanks got a Seine hauling licence as recommended by me.— The small gap referred to in my former application of the 13th of January ult; is an opening in the head, until a narrow sand bank, situated on the South east side of Ashbridges Bay, and Lake Ontario, and which separates the waters of the one from the other.—

And where the Seine hauling was intended to be carried on has no connection whatever with the waters of Ashbridges bay: except by the gap referred to half of a mile away from the seine hauling ground.— Now the gap and seine hauling ground in Lake Ontario were the only land in the way of the water in Ashbridges Bay as near the 40 yards,— and for a distance of 300 yards when you leave the plain land, south end of Ashbridges Bay. and thence.— I justice to ourselves think we the fishermen have deemed it to be my duty to give you more fully these facts.— And with much respect

I have the honor to be

Sir—

Your Obedt Servt

W B Woolland Esqr

Commissioner of Fisheries

Ottawa.

Fishery Overseer

Hamilton 29. February 1882.

Sir, I have to report for your information, that the catch and take of Sturgeon, with hooks and lines; and Boat fishing in the waters of the Niagara River, and Lake Ontario, near the Town of Niagara; by the licensed Niagara fishermen; still continues to be a great success.- The fish are "dressed", in the Buffalo Market; at 5 cents, per pound. — And several Barrels of Sturgeon, are shipped every morning; during the week, by a Morning Train, that starts and departs daily, (except Sunday,) from Niagara, at 9. a.m. for Buffalo; returning every evening again, at 7.30. p.m. — at this season of the year. — And with due respect. —

I have the Honor to be,

Sir, —

Your obedient Servant

John W. Kerr

Fishery Overseer.

The Hon. W. Hodgins Esq.

Commissioner of Fisheries. —

Ottawa. —

Sheriff's Office.
Hamilton, 27. February 1882.

Sir,

I have the honor to apply to you for a Renewal of License for the Charlotte and Frances Kent of Port Dover, for the current year 1882.-

The License is to be the same as last year, $4 = Four Dollars per annum, which is only to be Eight dollars, for the season.

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant the same. - And with due respect.

I have the Honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient
Servant
Sheriff Gowan

W. H. Wilcocks Esq.
Secretary of State
Ottawa.

Fishery Overseers office. —
Ser. Hamilton 27 February 1882 —

I Have the honor to submit for your information and consideration, copy the a/c of the Fishery Overseer at Port Royal, Lake Erie. — —

It appears by this account, that Mr Bowers fixes his own salary. — He worked very cheap and efficiently, under my orders during the half year ending 31st of December 1881.[2]

1. I mention this, in my Annual report. — 2 —

After Mr Wm Leary, was appointed Fishery Overseer on Long point. - Mr James W. McCalls services at St Williams was dispensed with after 30th June last — So as to keep down expenses. — Since then Mr Bowers has done very well indeed; but for to fix his own salary, it is too, too cutting! — However he is entitled to remuneration, for collecting the quantities of Sturgeon caught by Hook and line and other fish fishermen and expenses incurred over a distance of more than 25 Miles. — — You may allow him $16. dollars incidentals as per a/c, and $34. dollars, or $35 dollars same amount as he received the previous half year! — Making in all $50. dollars. — I can assure you he had to work hard in earning it, and no mistake. — Mr James W. McCall has recently applied to me to be restored. — — Some one will be required on Long point after 1st May next, as Mr Wm Leary will be leaving there than for Manitoba, a resident on Long point is preferable to a man residing on the main land. —

I recommend all this matter for your consideration and perusal. — And with due respect

I Have the H

W. F. Whitcher Esq
Commissioner of Fisheries
Ottawa. — —

Your Obt
J. Gill
Fisher

Copy.

Owen Bowers,

Port Royal,
January 19. 1882.

To J. Goodman of Jr

To B. & R. for Drivers, — Hire of gig
&c. of the Department of Finance and Customs. K.
for 2 years salary from the 1st July 1881, to the
1st July 1882. — £50.00.
To 1 Jacket and Buggy, 6 days at £1.25 per 14.00.
To Disbursements for Keep of Horse 6 days. 2.10.
To postages on 3 letters. —.90.
Repairs Harness —.10.

Total. — £.66.00 d

I trust you will not consider this as overcharges but the labour has been somewhat more this season in consequence of the division, being so badly managed by the late Overseer of the Customs. —

I have done my best to secure all I could for the departure. — Some 30 days for U. States and Hawaii-tobe but I got in for Turkey point. — You will be pleased to take the matter into consideration, and let me know, if anything is wrong. — I am hard home for money as my indebtedness is very large and these small matters come in play. —

Sign'd Owen Bowers. —

J. Goodman

Mr Jas: W. McCall, — Hamilton, Ont. —
Dr Williams, — 27. Feb: 1882. —

My dear Sir, —

I am in receipt of your letter of 20th instant, enquiring of me who is to be Fishery Guardian at Turkey point, during the approaching spring. — If you wish to act, you may do so, and on receipt of this Note, go immediately to all those people you refer to, and collect from each person, who wants a spearing license One dollar. — If two men spear in one boat $2. — Send Money to me at once, and I will send you back license to deliver to each person. — You must of course send me the name of each person who pays, and his residence — Show be prompt in doing this, lose no time

I will be at Turkey point some day this week. — I will telegraph you, so that you can meet me there, as I want to see you. — Yours. &c. J. W. Kerr — F. Overseer

Copy. —

Hamilton, Ont.
25. February 1882,

My dear Sir. —

Will you be pleased to receive by mail, Sent you this day. a Seine hauling license for to fish in Lake Ontario in front of Lots Nos 19. and 20, in the 1st Concession of the Township of Clinton. — —

Your brother Judge Walker, of Hamilton, paid me $4. dollars for the license, which I forwarded from you to the Fisheries department Ottawa. —

Believe me with due respect,

Yours truly. —
John W. Kerr
Fishery Overseer. —

James H. Walker Esqre
Clinton, —
Beamsville, Ont.
P. Office —

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My dear Sir. —

I understand from private sources, and the Telegraph Newspaper, Toronto has been publishing that Gill Nets are being picked this season again in Ash-Bridges bay, — Toronto. — Now you and I must put our heads together, and stop this illegal Gill Net fishing at once.

I am off to Turkey point, Lake Erie, this afternoon will I hope be home on tomorrow night. — And on thursday next, at 11. A. m. I will meet you in Toronto. — I will come to you where the stage puts up, that you will come by from Highland Creek.

Should you happen to go amongst the people in the Fish Market before I arrive, don't make any remarks to them about any Kinds of fish you may see there, only observe closely what particular Kinds of fish they are in your own minds. — Do nothing to cause those people to believe you are looking after

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anything in particular. — And dont go on the Island nor Bay, until I come to you, and we make our arrangements. —

I can procure a couple of Boats, and men, who, with you and I, will clear out all the Nets in about six Hours. ——

And with my warm regards. ——

Yours Sincerely. ——

J. W. Kerr.

Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton, Ont.

28. Feb: 1882.

William Hallowell Esq.

Fishery Overseer. ——

Highland Creek. —

Ont.

Philadelphia, Pa. Feb. 1882.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find Draft for $ 100.00 (One Hundred Dollars) in payment of your account to date.

Kindly receipt and return.

Yours truly,

Henry Bauer.

Messrs. Smith, Brown & Co.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Philadelphia, Feb. 1882.

Mr. Henry Bauer,

City.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find Draft for $ 100.00 (One Hundred Dollars) in payment of your account to date.

Kindly receipt and return.

Yours truly,

Smith, Brown & Co.

Fishery Overseer's office.
Hamilton, 3. March 1882.

Sir.

I have the Honor to send you herewith, Bank draft No: 3, for the sum of Sixty dr. dollars.

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows: viz. for this current year:—

1. Alex Aspha Ferris. Turkey point; For Seine hauling Licence already received and delivered; 6. Bay. $ 15.00
2. Charles Ferris, do. do. Inner Bay. " 10.00
3 Frank Jackson, do. do. do. " 10.00
4, do. do. do. Outer Bay. " 15.00
5. William Shaver do, do. do. " 15.00
6. do. do. do Inner Bay. 10.00
7. August Shoemaker, do. do. do. 5.00
8. William Smith Vittoria, For a Licence to operate fish in the ponds or creeks of the Inner Bay at Turkey point up to and ending 1st of April next, with Light Duck. Licence duty 1.00
9. Thomas Pringle, Frenchmans Bay, For a Duck Licence to fish 1,000 yards of Pike gill nets in Frenchmans Bay, up to and ending the 14th day of April 1883 — please send me this Licence. — Amount sent, do. " 15.00

and with due respect. — Tot. $ 96.00

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,—
Your Obedient Servant,
N. Wilson
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa.

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Telegraphic!

My dear Sir,—

In reply to your application for a license for to sell fish Gills, Nets during the approaching season in [illegible] Provincial Bay.—I deeply regret to inform you that Thomas Mansfield, a resident fisherman of the place, has got the licence for this year. On my return home here last evening a letter was here awaiting my arrival to this effect.—Your last letter to Mr. Hall pleased.—

Yours truly
J. W. Lee
Turkey Point
Haldimand Co.
3 March 1882.

Mr. John Jarrell
Post Master, opposite
Fish Association.—
Detroit.

My dear Sir,

Yours duly received. I expect to hear from Ottawa on ... I was at Turkey point on ... last, and I collected there of 64 dollars.—

I saw Mr. Jas: W. McDonald, and I placed him on as warden to take charge of the ponds and Marshes of P. Point, and for to collect spearing licence fees, get Names and residences, collect one dollar from each person and send me the money.—And you will please do the same thing.—

Those back licences, you sent me money for,—I cannot find the Names nor the residences.—Will you furnish names to me again, only those names you sent me $1. each for, and I will at once send you a spearing licence for each person.—The Turkey point Basin Trading fishermen, have all

P.T.O.

received their licenses, and except Mr. Clancy no one appears dissatisfied. —

If any person wants a license, for to fish gill nets, the license fee will be $5. Collect the money and send to me immediately, and as you do so, they may go on, and fish. — It is no use in getting up petitions, for to sustain the pickerel close season, it is too, too late already, and would not be sanctioned. I could not recommend any change. Dip Net licenses may be applied for. I will recommend that they be granted, license fee for each $3. dollars. —

And you will distinctly understand me, — that spearing of no kind, will be allowed in the waters of Big Creek, Only dip Net fishing will be allowed therein. — But spearing may be allowed in ponds and marshes, not licensed for dip nets, gill nets or seine hauling grounds. — —

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Now as regards Brackett or his wife seine fishing, or any other seine being fished; the lowest license fee shall be $5. and the money must be paid before the person starts fishing. —

Hook and line fishing must be $3. for each boat, containing only 2 men. — —

He who fishes a single seine for to catch bait, will have to do so, under a license of $5. for season. — And if Herring gill nets are fished for to catch the bait, a license fee of $4. dollars, must be paid. — —

You will of course understand that dip net fishing, gill net fishing, and spearing pickerel, must all end on the 14th day of April next. —

And with my kind regards. —

Yours Tr. —

J. W. Kerr
Fishery Overseer.
Hamilton, Ont.
9th April 1884

Owen Bowers Esq.
J. Guardian. —
Pt. Royal. —

My dear Sir.

Your application receiv'd, please send me the usual fee of $3, and I will apply for, and recommend you, for a yearly license. — —

And with my warm regards, believe me as usual. —

Yours respectfully. —
J. W. Kerr.
Barley Grower,
Hamilton, Ont.
4. March 1882.

A. Barras Esqre
Sherbrooke —
P. Office.

W. D. Whitcher Esqre
Ottawa. —

I sent you Box of Fish did you get it on Friday morning. — —

J. W. Kerr. —
D. O. —

Hamilton. —
4. March 1882.

My dear friends Alex and Ella Welch.—

Telegraph received, anything and everything I receive from you is always welcome.— About the wine, I shall send it to you on tomorrow; (Monday) it will be from myself, no C.O.D.— It was only on last Tuesday I went into the Wine Vaults here to get for a dozen bottles of wine, packed in a small box for Miss Gray, the wife of the late Rev. Gray, of Jamaica Island, who has been sick at death's door, ever since her husband untimely died by drowning last summer. Now I thought of you both, of you all and I decided that Monday, to put up a Keg of wine for you, which he promised me he would do.— So you may expect to receive it, during this week.—

These White fish, were bought of about ten days, perhaps about the end of November last in Mass and Vermont Grocer— I was at Turkey Point on last Wednesday morning

Ordered 4 brls. of F. on my arrival at Pt. Dover— On my return there on Wednesday evening, I took the fish 26 in number on Board with me— the white-fish are not as good as fresh caught white fish. I remember now the matter in my own mind and so I thought it best you should have an opportunity of tasting, testing and eating White fish caught off shore during last November. I am so much in your debt for all your Kindnesses, that I will never forget you, for the remainder of my days,— Everything was ok. at P. point; and no one appeared being dissatisfied, except Mother— who will have the gentle voice on the floor of the House of Commons, by Mr. Charlton, M.P.— why he forgot me last (Dinner for), the other fellows in the same Boat,— He seems to be too a longer, and a better grower than the other men, he grumbles about.— I selected 3 fish, while there which I sent you on Thursday last.— He take a trial of fish at P. point for four, since January December has been very good— fishing has been carried on

nearly all the time, hence fishing except for a very short time has gone on well. — Mrs Ferris and her Boys, have caught $150. worth of fish, and sold that amount to Drake of Buffalo. — Except Brook, and Dr Jackson all have paid for this season. —

I was obliged to place Jas: W. McCabe on again, as Jr Guardian at S. point, until after close season next May. — So that he may collect spearing licenses, for Pike &c. — during this approaching spring. — He let down the Inner Bay, has disappeared, and my little Dan was perceptible in Lake Erie, when I was there. — Burlington Bay Dan is nearly all gone. — and in Toronto Bay, Dan has disappeared except in Black Horse Bay — and the lower end of Ashbridges Bay. — I was there on Thursday, with Mr Hall — ex. Prisoner — by appointment and talked over fishery matters, except Billy Ward — all the other fishermen are dead and gone — and no information of fishing acts has been transmitted there for this season. —

I have applied for two

Gray, and also William Ware, for this season,

Hen Toronto Island with nearly 100 Houses on it at present, and more going up appears dead to. — all the old gambler faces are missing; and Billy Ward, Martin Phelan — are alone there, a very small remnant of the gay and noble Crew of fishermen. — Peace and happiness I hope is their portion. — —

I am still in good health, except sometimes a little twitching, a reminder I presume that my days have been long in the land; and the old age brings its infirmities. —

I had a letter from Mr Blank M. P. — he says: Dear Sir, — "I have written to Wilmot in regard to your Hatchery in connection with the suggestions of Mr Whitaker, who says the recommendation should come from Wilmot. I will do every thing in my power to meet your wishes in the matter." — Join with my kind and warm regards and respects to you, and to all, believe me — as usual. —

Hamilton, 5. March 1892. — H. W. Ferris —

nearly all the time, have gained except for a
very short time two days or week. — Yesterday
I went for Dr. Lane, he brought it down to 150. went of
girl, was sure that cannot it should go
daughter. — Except heart, was it? Perhaps
all have point for this reason. —

I was obliged to close for: Mr. Wade,
my cousin, on 4th December — at 9. Paris-until
after dear cousin next day. — he shut to
my radiant appearing heiress. My dear N. —
during this afternoon quite. — He he.
Was the dear Prof. the daughter, or of
little the was persuaded in date this, when I was
this. — Doubting they she is nearly all gone. —
was in about Prof. for the daughter except
in March dear Prof — the dear was of
Wellington Prof. — I was this or thousand.
most Mr. Hallimore. Answer — by appointed
was Italian was quite, except daily
dear. — are the other Parliament was about —
gone. — was on Entertainment of Parliament with the
dear Committee this for! this reason. —

I have applied for dear [illegible]

Yesterday, was Mr. Hallimore dear, for this reason
he about Prof was with nearly 100 persons
on it at present, as was going up officers
dearest. — the the old Gunning Green are
missing; was Wally dear, Martin Wade —
are close this, a very small amount of Pages
was wife Lane of Parliament. — Here on
happiness I hope is this point. — —

I was able in my book, except sometime
— Lisle Mitchell, a summer I present this
my hope dear dear day in the dear; was the
the age hung it significant. —

I have a letter from Mr Black. R. I. — he
says: Dear Lion — I have written it
without in regard it you Australian
in remembrance with the suggestion of
Mr Mitchell, who says the remembrance
tion absolute dear from without I will
be everything in my power it must you
invoke in the matter. — dear until my
our mother regards our respects it you,
and it all, Valerie me — as usual. —

Hamilton, 27 March 1883. — Yours

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Hamilton, Ont.
6. March 1882.

My dear Mansfield,-

I duly received your Note, enclosing me $15, for licence fee of the Frenchmans Bay.- This amount I sent the department at Ottawa, on friday last, and I recommended a licence to be issued to you immediately.- This I expect early this week so you need not be alarmed about Tripps petition.- -

In your letter enclosing money, $15 licence fee, you say; "please by, and get me the two weeks, I ask."- What is it, you mean by this? answer. When you get your licence in the [illegible] - just like [illegible] while I have applied for, and recommended to be granted to you, you must instantly stop any one who goes to fish there, except anglers or trawlers.- Shooting fish is illegal; spearing fish unless permitted under licence is illegal

(1.)

And you must not allow any one but yourself or to fish gill nets.- your friend Fisher, has in an underhand way got to get Wm Hellimell, J. Cowan, [illegible] Creek, and tried to get a licence for the Bay,- and a good many more done the same thing.- Show no favour to any one, you shall get a good start now, I beg and entreat of you to keep your faith.- If you stand firm by the fish-eries department; I will stand firm and firm by you.- - Bear all this in mind; on matter about Tripps petition; whenever he sends it to the fish-eries department Ottawa it will come back to me, and then I will know what to do. Bear those spring fish net licences will expire about 14th april, and anglers cannot catch bass during close season.- penalty for persons spear-ing and fishing gill nets within your li-censed limits is $100, and costs.-

Yours Va. Va.
J. Cowan.

Mr Hon: Mansfield,-
Frenchmans Bay.-

Hamilton. Sept 9th

6. August 1882.-

My dear Hamilton. -

I duly received your

Note, enclosing me $12.50 for license fee of the Steamer Maj. - This amount I sent the department at Ottawa, on Friday last, as I recommended - license to be issued at once immediately. - But I expect only this week he can get the steamer about his little petition. - -

If your letter enclosing Money, $12.50 license fee, you say: please by, and get me the two weeks, I sent, — What is it, you mean by this? - answer:

When you get your license it is to be [illegible] - Sept 1882. [illegible] I then applied for one recommended it to you to get it, you must instantly stop running with you it pick him, except sunday or Monday. —

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Fishery Overseer's Office.
Hamilton. 16. March 1882.—

Sir,—

I Have the honor to apply to you for a Boat license. for William Ward. of Toronto Island.— To be same as that issued last year to pltff as Trr David, and William Ward;— except the license fee which is to be only $10. for this current year.—

Also I beg most respectfully to apply to you. for a Seine Hauling license; For to fish a 250. yard Common Seine at the Bend,— And a 250. yard White fish Seine at the Gap, in Lake — during this current year, the license fee, to be only ten dollars.— "All within Toronto City limits".

pltff Hallowell, and I, have talked this matter over; the sudden death, last year of David Ward, have caused many changes to be made.— The Home= stead on the Island, is to be sold for the benefit of the Widow.— after pltff David Wards death, pltff Ward left the Island, and now resides with her son in the City of Toronto.—

Mr Hallowell jointly with me, under the circum= stances of the late pltff David Wards, death, recommend that those license fees, be only $20, altogether for this current year.— And with due respect.—

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant.
John W. Kerr,—
H. Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries.—
Ottawa.— — — —

Chichester Consistory Office.
Examination. 1st March 1831.—

Mr. [illegible]

Fishery Overseer's Office.—
Hamilton, 6. March 1882.—

Sir,

I Have the hor to apply to you for a Seine hauling license for Mrs Jane Gray of Toronto Island, Widowe of the late Mr Patrick Gray; For to fish a Seine 250 yards long in Block House Bay, Toronto Island; Also in Lake Ontario, on the west end of the Toronto Island, say from Gibraltar point, to the boundary Line between Ward and Grays and Haulan's fisheries.— In talking this matter over with Mr William Hollinsle, Fishery Overseer,— I have come to the conclusion to recommend that the license fee shall be only Ten dollars.———

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant this license for this current season.— It is still doubtful if Mrs Gray will carry on fishing during this current year; but if she does other arrangements can be hereafter made.— I have not seen nor hard from Mrs Gray since I saw her on a sick bed last fall.— I have recently heard she is slowly recovering, and William Ward and Mr William Hollinsle informed me she required the seine license.— And with due respect.—

I Have the Honor to be
Sir,—
Your Obedient Servant
J. L. Whitcher.—
J. Overseer

W. J. Whitcher Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries
Ottawa.—

Fishery Overseers office. —
Hamilton. 6. March 1882.

Sir,

I have the Honor to report for your information, that I have found it necessary, for to reappoint Mr. James W. McCall, of St. Williams, a Fishery Guardian, at Turkey point, during pike spearing, say up to the 14th of April next, and during close season for Bass, pickerel and Muskinonge say: up to the 15th of May next. — —

I have notified Mr. Owen Bowers, and Mr. Jas. W. McCall, the Guardians of the Norfolk Division, that Boat licences for fishing sturgeon Hooks and lines; during this season will be of 4. dollars, each boat to have only 2. men. — Dip Nets in Big Creek, to be of $3. each. — And no spearing to be allowed whatever in Big Creek. —

Gill nets for pickerel to be of 5. and Seines for Catching Herring and other Bait to set Sturgeon lines of 5. for season. — And Herring gill nets for Catching bait for same purpose to be of 4. —

I supposed within myself that a system has become necessary of something like the above; and I have much pleasure in submitting the foregoing for your Consideration and approval for 1882. — —

And with due respect. —

I have the Honor to be,
Sir, —
Your Obedt Servant
J. W. Skey
Overseer.

W. J. Wilson Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries. &
Ottawa. — — —

Fishery Overseer's Office...
Hamilton, 6. March 1882.-

Sir,

I have received your "Circular,"
stating that:- "A return is required by the House of
"Commons of the nationality, and religion of all
"Dominion Government employees?" -
And that I will please give such particulars
in my case." -

In reply, I have the Honor to inform you,
that I am an Irishman by birth. - and my religion
is Protestant of the Church of England. - -

And with due respect -

I Have the Honor to be, -

Sir, -

Your Obedient Servant,

Fishery Overseer. -

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa. - - -

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My dear Friends,—

I have received your kind letter; I have also received your fishing licence for you, for this and next year, from Ottawa.—

The licence for this year, is the same in all respects as last years licence; except the fee, which is only $3.——

I have a Map of Lake Erie made, ready to send to your address,— at Clarkson's Station.—— Look out for them, and with Kind regards,—

Yours &c.

J. W. Kerr,—
Fishery Overseer
Hamilton Ont.
6. March 1882.

Mr Clarkson and
J. Reid —
Clarksons Ontario.—
Post office —

My dear Mr Stone.—

I send your licence for 1882,— today,— You are to fish in Lake Ontario, in front of the Township of Grimsby,— for $3 00.—

I also get up your brothers licence for to fish in Lake Ontario in front of the Township of Saltfleet: when he fishes again in front of Grimsby,— he must be obedient to your wishes and mine.—

My Kind regards,— and believe me.— Yours truly,

J. W. Kerr.—
F. Overseer,
Hamilton, Ont.
7. March 1882.

Mr John Stone,—
Fisherman.—
Grimsby Ont.

Charles Morse Esqre
Merchants Hotel, —

Hamilton,
7. March 1882, —

Dear Sir, —

I send you today, your Lewis Stocking license, which will enable you to commence Lewis Stocking Gill Nets at once. — It comprises all the space in Lake Ontario, including Grays the head at mouth of Humber, between the Pumping House at Parkdale, and the Pleasure. — I hope this will be to your satisfaction. — Should any one attempt to fish fish gill nets, or Seeker nets in the Humber, — I hope you will apprise me instantly. — License fee is $10. dollars. — You can remit it to me, or keep it, until I come down. —

By this attention to this license, by showing the last clause therein; Sept. 1st. to fishing between 6. o'clock, on Saturday night, and 6. o'clock on following Monday morning in each week. — (1.)

I also send you, your Boat license, for to fish 4.000. yards of Gill Nets in Lake Ontario, in front of the Township of Scarboro. — This will enable you to have a good opportunity, with the aid of your good fishermen, Mackey, to go as far as the Toronto line at — the late Mr. Charles residence. — This license is also $10. — for the entire season of 1882. —

Please Keep an account of, separately, of all Kinds of fish caught by you during the year. — Also Mr. William Hellwell, P.O. — Cobourg, as you — mine. — Many thanks for the 2. splendid salmon I. et. — I was at G.W. Ry — station, on last Thursday, and I saw a man with a Keg of Trout he got from you; I knew from Conductor your letter, and bought 18. lb. Trout. —

Send with my Kind regards, and best wishes for your success and prosperity in fishing; believe me; Yours, J.W. Kerr
Fy. Overseer. —

Hamilton Ohio Sept 22
Hamilton Hotel. } February 1883.

My dear Mrs. —

I have yr. kind
favor, which
gave this Morning before, which
enable me to commence this Evening
to Hamilton at 7 — Shall
be able to spend a day at Dayton, be-
tween the Evening Trains at Hamilton
and the Morning Trains at Cincinnati.
yr. satisfaction. — I hope this will be to
stop to find him at home, or Hamilton
at the Hotel. — I hope you will
explain me sufficiently. — Enclose you will
of $10. dollars. — Give our kind to
— Hope it will I come down. —

Yr. sincere attention to this Evening by
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Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton. 7. March 1882.—

Sir.

I Have the honor to submit herewith an application. I have just received from John Gunsalls, a fisherman, resident at Trenton, for a Boat license to fish 1000 yards of Pike gills Nets, in Presque Isle Bay - Lake Ontario, Brighton.— The license fee, to be $15. dollars.— —

Although this place is not in my division, I do hope you will be pleased to grant the license to Mr. John Gunsalls, immediately;—

Mr. Gunsalls, whom I have known for the last sixteen years, as a resident fisherman; living there out of pike gills net fishing in Ashbridge Bay.— as per your record last years Orders, is worthy of your consideration.— — Mr. Gunsalls, to make matters worse for him is paralysed on one side, and he has a wife too.— I recommend his case to you in good standing; and when I am delivering to him his license, I will instruct him, to report himself to the Local fishery.— —

And with due respect

I Have the Honor to be.—

Sir.—

Your Obedient Servant

Wm. Wilkes.—

Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries.—
Ottawa.— —

My dear Sir,—

Your application for to grid pike fish nets in River Credit has been received.— And in reply I regret to inform you, that I cannot accede to your request.—

A licence usually issued annually has already been issued for this year.

Believe me,— Yours. Yr. Yr.

J. W. Kerr —

F. Emerson

Hamilton, Ont.

7. March 1882.

Wm William Montgomery —
140. Front Street.
Toronto.—

My dear Sir.—

Yours received, and I have in as strong language as I can use recommended you for a licence to grid 1000. yards of pike gill nets in Presque Isle Bay.— And on hearing from the Fisheries department, Ottawa, I will instantly communicate result to you,— And with my best wishes for your success.— Believe me.—

Yours. Yr. Yr.—

J. W. Kerr —

Fishery Overseer,

Hamilton, Ont.

7. March 1882.

Wm John Emerald.—
Rock House —
Opposite Fish Association.
Esplanade,— Toronto

My dear Sir,—

Yours received, and I have in no small language to thank you for recommending me to Messrs. Pyle & Co. 1000 pieces of Pyle's pale ale in Glasgow. Table Beer. — But on handing over the business department Messrs. Miller instantly commenced cash transactions with my best wishes by your humble servt. — Malcolm Mc. —

Yours. H. H. —

Hamilton —

Sunday Morning.

Hamilton, Ont.

2. August 1884.

My dear Sir,—

Yours application for Pale ale in Bass Breakfast has been received. — But in reply I regret to inform you that I cannot accede to your request. —

I have usually dined on this same ale already for this season. Malcolm Mc. — Yours. H. H.

Hamilton —

Monday Morning.

Hamilton, Ont.

2. August 1884.

Mr. William Montgomery, —
Bro. Street.
Toronto. —

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My dear Woolland, —

I had some difficulty in procuring for your Successor, Mr James Martin, his Lic[ense] Standing license, which I send him today, to your Care. — In the first instance when I applied, I was refused a Lic[ense] standing license in to to! — The department stating that as Mr W. B. Woolland, had come to the determination of giving up fishing at Lochiquille, it was not proper to recommend Licensing in Ashbridges Bay. — I however! was able to explain away every thing away, — and I sent the licenses today. —

I Heard that Mr Martin lost off 40, worth of gill Nets in a Big storm. — I am very sorry for this! —

I was in Toronto, on last Thursday. I called at Lockie's, his brother told me, you had been there. — any News! any one fishing Nets, in Ashbridges Bay. — Law will be allowed legally to do so, any more; nor to fish illegally, if I find it out. — If you know of any fish Nets. or Trap Nets, being fished by any One you will please write — please write at any Rate. —

I went into Ash Bridges bay — I had Jamieson rowing me: Hallinan — Sam Henderson whom you know rowing him: — poor Jamieson, a good fellow, I cannot say how I came mad out for him a place to fish, but I must do it, some how or other. — I was on the Island. I saw Billy Ward: — what a change here; within one year. — Every thing appeared to me desolate, altho the place is still filling up with Houses. — It is dead and gone! more of them moving away! — With Kind regards to you, and Mrs W. — and family —

Believe me Yours truly. —

J. Wilkes. —

Hamilton, Ont. 9th Mar: 1882. — Thursday Evening.

Please hand Mr Martin his License. Jno.

Mr Patrick Hand,—
Tullamore,— Ireland.

My dear Paddy.—

I send you your Licence. by your son William.— This licence is only issued in Lake Ontario. in front of the Township of Barnsley.

When the proper time arrives. I will allow you to fish in front of the Township of Grimsby.— At present you can amuse yourself in front of the Township of Barnsley.

I think you should not encourage illegal fishing in these Parts, by giving a piece of Lead shot to your friend Thos. the fish for Pike.— did you think me a simpleton. by asking me to enclose a certain letter you wrote me. to Mr Jas; J. Wilson.— I could do no such thing with propriety to myself.

Yours, &c. J. W. Dickson.—
Q. C.

Hamilton, Ont.
7. March 1882.—

Memorandum!— I sent Mr William Hand a Licence for Lake Ontario; & sparing only three days. — from 1st to 14. days of April 1882,— in the Townships of Barnsley, Grimsby & Clinton.—

Sparing as most fishermen on my part except by consent of the Licensee

Hamilton, Ont.
1st April 1882.— J. W. D.

My dear Bollock,—

"Yours received!—
You have simply to answer the Circular, by stating, that you were born in Scotland, and by Religion you are a Presbetterian.— Mocking me.—

I suppose this is so. I got a similar Circular, and I answered it by stating, I was an Irishman by birth, and my religion was— Protestant of the Church of England.— —

Give my Kind regards to Mrs Bollock; and believe me,—

Yours, &c.

J. W. Lees.

J. Overseer

Hamilton, Ont.

7. March 1862

W. D. Bollock Esqre
J. Overseer.
Bronte.

Mr W. Brook. Fisherman J. point.

My dear Brook.

"Yours of 7th instant, just received.— and also P. Office Order for $5. for to apply on Station No: 6.— Inner Bay. J. point.— for this current year of 1862.—

In order that you may get station No: 7. as well as Station No: 6.— you will have to send me back, license for 6, and I will then send it to Ottawa and have No: 7, station entered in the said license for 1862.

When I was appointed back to Shelter shoals of Lake Erie, last year.— On the 14th April 1861, I applied for your license the "Lake Erie Fishing" license for to fish a Seine about 50 yards long, on fishing Stations Nos. 6. and 7, in the Inner Bay, same as last year, at the Rate of $5, for this current year."—

Now when I obtained this license for your last year, and I delivered it to you on the 29th of April 1861,—at J. point: You never paid the $5. for this Inner Bay license for last year 1861.—

Sir you had better send it back to me, and I will return it to the fisheries department Ottawa by doing so. I will try and get the $5. for last year standing against you struck out. — I hope you now understand me as regards last year: for Inner Bay Licence! —

Now with regard to this present year 1882 On the 23. January 1882, — I applied for your fishing licence, for the Inner Bay, 3. point; thus: 3. William Brook. 3. point. For same Fishing licence in Inner Bay. Take No 4. 3. point, to be the same as last year, same Fee is to be of 5." — By this you will find your attack on me is without foundation. — Inverness sent me back last years licence, and I — to ask them to take it back at fisheries department, Ottawa and sent me back your licence for this year 1882, — And I will send it back to Ottawa, also and have station No: 7 written in it. For if I was to apply for a seperate licence for No: 7. for this year, such as you want you would have to pay of 5. additional and you would also have to pay of 5. on

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Stations. 6. and 7. stike out, for last year. — —

Frank Jackson, finds me of 10. — No: 6 Inner Bay — Nelson and Charles Ferris, pay of 10. each. for the Inner Bay. fishing, — And it is surprising to me, that you should not be satisfied with No: 6, as Frank Jackson, was with No: 5. — Jackson could not do for as I can see there was 6. to come on 7. — with by some arrangement amongst yourselves — the J. W. Hall infants — that by mutual consent, a portion of 6 was given to Jackson with No: 5. — while the balance of 6. with all No: 7. was given to you. — — —

I understand also about the stations in the Inner Bay. — I endeavour I may take you quickly, you ought to try and work more harmoniously together and avoid troubling the department for such trifling affairs, — I have sent back the licence I ask for. I will soon and quickly have the matter settled. —

Hamilton, Ont.
8. March 1882. —

Yours truly. —
J. W. Kerr — J. Cochrane.

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Hamilton Ont
8. March 1882.

My dear Mansfield.—

"Yours not received and I have now much pleasure in sending your your license.— I depend upon you to obey the laws strictly in all things and as laid down in this license to you.—

Allow no man to spear to shoot fish nor Jack fish Hahs within your licensed limits which comprises all the Bay and Marshes,— and if any person or persons does so, you must notice me at once by sending me Names, residences, and dates of Offences.———

Persons are permitted to angle and troll,— so dont prevent any one from doing this!— It is a special right reserved by the Fisheries department to all Her Majesty Gracious Majesties loyal subjects Except that they must not do so enclose

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When the proper time for extending your license for 14 days longer arrives I will if you then deem it advisable, extend your license.—

Dont allow John Fisher S. Wright Jr. Marks — nor any one else to partake of the bread of your wife and children.— If you had not got the license of the Bay no one else would; dont abuse it: Bear, to intrude nor impress on you; you know the terms in Jule which induced me to recommend that you should have this Bay and Marshes in connection with your outside fisheries.— Be industrious sober, frugal and careful of your money — You should by attending to the fishing yourself catch about 300 dozen of fish: put the nets on carefully from with your foot — I wish you much success,—

Yours. Very. Truly.
D.F.

Thos: Mansfield.
Hamilton Bay.

Hamilton, Sept.

8. Januar 1883.

My dear Mansfield.—

"Yours not received
until 3 days ago. I deeply regret
my dear, dear friend. — I depend upon
you to help the dear Estelle in all things
and to look after the little Beatrice. —

When we plan to spend a short
time or part of the winter with you
I never limit actual occupancy of
the 1st and 2nd floors; but if any
person or persons else do, you
must notify me at once. If I find
my two rooms occupied, and data
of offices. — —

Because we promise to help on
each — do not prevent our ever doing
this! — If a - spends night necessary by
the Parkers department to ab. the Plant
Freeman Registries Legal Judgments Inquiry
that they must not do so in close

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Allow me, Estelle, to thank you
for your kind letter. — Also the proper time for it =
reading your letters for it's always longer
because I make it upon the clean at
convenable, instead upon Sundays. —

Dear Mrs. Mansfield I thought
yourself — nor any one else to question
of the Board of your wife and
children. — If you had not yet the
Power of the Proof no one else needed;
dear Mrs. Mansfield, to entrust her
Happiness in you; you know the terms
in Yale natural endeavor me to reassume
that you should have this Proof, and
Yourself in Connection with your Estate of
Virginia: — the mountains Rich Lands in
Forests of your Plantation — you should be
attending to the Raising generally both about
300 Acres of Fine: Just the next in many you
note you Pair — I trust you must Excuse —

Yours, Ever Affectionate —

Mrs. Mansfield.
Hamilton Sept. —

Hamilton 8. March 1862

My dear Frank —

Yours received, and thank you and Dick Blanken for your kind and timely warnings. — I had a letter from Mr Brooke himself today. — His bad language about me, nor his letter will never hurt me any. — I will not say an unkind word of poor Brooke! as he is more to be pitied than blamed. — I have got the whip hand of him this time. — —

Brooke sent me $5 for Dunn Bay licence, I received it this morning. he owes nothing for Dunn Bay last year. — I wrote to him to send me back his licence and I would send it to Ottawa and have it made correct for him! — No: 7, it appears was omitted from his licence for this year. — Now I want you to send me on receipt of this letter — a licence for No: 8 on the Dunn Bay, as given to you on 1st March instant, when you were in — $5 [illegible] — ten dollars, on Station No: 5 Dunn Bay — and I will then have licences just exactly by the department Ottawa. —

On my return home same day I met at Tuckey's point Mr Simon Alderson at Jarvis — he had been at Toronto, and was returning home; he came into the bar, where I was! — he told me thus: I will take Frank Tagaw this year, on the same terms I had him last year Viz $ off $20. a Month, and $5 for seat, on the Lord, and I will require him to come on 1st April next. He has got out some Hemlock poles — and he repeated his application again for the licence in his own Name! — after this year he said he will pick no more! — does he not wish he may get the licence! — Keep the Contents of this letter to yourself — and believe me — Yours truly. — J. Wilkes —

Mr Frank Jackson. —
Dickey fm —

Hamilton 5. Januar 1883.

My dear Thank —

Yours received, and I thank you and Mrs Thank therefor for your kind and timely warning. I have a letter from the Church Assembly today. — Do not hesitate about me, nor his letter will never hurt me any. — I will not lay on authority of poor Church! or be as mere to be pitied than blamed. — I have got the only [illegible] of time. — —

Thank God for you Mrs Thank, I received at this morning the same letter from Church Assembly today. — I write to him to know on both his letter and I wonder what it is. Others are there it would accept for him: — why it appears even better for his cause for this year. — How I must [illegible] to [illegible] — I will tell you [illegible] letter to yourself —

[illegible] me — yours truly. —

[illegible] —

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Hamilton, Ont.,
8. March 1882.

My dear Sir,—

I am just in receipt of your application, for to fish in the waters of Lake Ontario and Rouge Waters, between the G. T. Railway, and the Kingston Road: Will you please send me $4, four dollars, and I will apply, and recommend you for a pike fish license.—I have not heard that the fish net license to catch pike is to be stopped; I send a license to Plumsfield today: To fish in Richardson's Bay, and places.— I saw your friend Jon Talbot, here lately; and it was with much regret I heard from him of the death of your Eldest son.— I sympathise with you in your sad bereavement.

And believe me as usual.—

Yours Very Truly.—

J. W. Kerr.—
J. Cosgrave.—

Hamilton, Ont.
12. March 1882.

My dear Tyson,—

On receipt go to Mr Richard Gilbert, Fisherman — 20. Mile Creek, and found Net Fisherman; Gordon: Stratton Post office: Hand this to him, and he has my authority to hand you back your Seine and the ropes.— You must pay a Deposit of two dollars, for fishing for and catching Suckers.— And mean Mr David Tyson to be plain with you, I must have your Boat license money $5. at once; Otherwise! I will be obliged to come over, Seize all, and fine you heavily &c. the Bargain.— You never Keep your word with me.— I am always desirous of doing Kind to you; but some how you always fail in looking out careful for yourself and family.— Believe me,

Yours Truly.—

Mr David Tyson.—
Fisherman
Beamsville,

J. W. Kerr.—
Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton, Ont.,
8. März 1882.

My dear Sir,-

I am quite in receipt of your application, for to sell in the enclosed our Temp Martin, between the G. T. Railway, and the King Street: Make you please know me if you desire, and I will supply you therewith upon for a suitable site for same. — I have not heard that the Pile not have to be completed; I have a lease to purchase. I am in Hamilton for, and it was with much pleasure I hear from you. Your last favor, and it was with much regret I hear you have sent of the death of your father son. — I sympathize with you in your bereavement.

Yours truly,

Hamilton, Ont.,
13. März 1882.

My dear Sir, —

In receipt of to the Northern Railway Pension - To while your out favour after Pensions, Jordan Station Post office: Have this to him, and he has my authority to have you back your books and the papers. — You must keep a lease of the Cellars, for Pulling for and Packing Quarters. — Sure now I am afraid you it be plain with you, I must have you Most Irons myself, If not now, Hamilton, I will be obliged to you in, Jordy see, and give you Family it the Pension. — You some Key you must me with me. — Am always desirous of I up that it you; but have Jan you always for it and Packing not enough by you all our family. — Believe me,

Yours truly, —

[illegible]

Hamilton, Ont. 13 Feb

My dear Sir, —

Yours of 7th instant, just received, but no enclosed letters. — However! I will see Mrs Berry — and advise her to call on the Inland Revenue Inspector here — and pay him $40, dollars. — Twenty for last year 1881 — and twenty in advance for this year 1882. —

I read your speech on the Finance Ministers Budget. — Figures and facts, as you rolled them out are stubborn things. They are undeniable. — And so plotz it is. I understand a great abundance of toilet pink fly, will be shortly ready for distribution in the Sandwich District); please apply for 5.000.000. for Niagara. — It is by all odds, the best place to plant them, as most pleasing to your Constituents. — They can leave Windsor and reach Niagara the same evening. — About the Lease for my Store of Fort Erie: — That part not leased to the Canada Southern, get it for them, so that I may have their names placed on the Assessment Rolls. — Waddell came home on last Friday, I have not seen him nor have I heard the result of his pilgrimage. —

Mackenzie, the Member for North Wentworth, will not permit Annexation to put into his Constituency, so the R. R. W. is baffled again! —

I have not been at Niagara lately, I buy from Elliot every week — by Sturgeon, was cast on American side, and brought to Niagara on last Saturday — 5 ft 4 as found in Buffalo. —

Sent with profound respect; believe me Your most Obedient Servant, and supporter

J. W. Stow

Hamilton, Ont.
3. March 1882

J. B. Plumb Esq
M.P. for W. W. W.
House of Commons.

Hamilton, Sept 29th

My dear Sir,—

Yours of 27th instant, just re-
ceived, but no enclosure letter.— However!
I write per this Evg.- our carrier for to-day
on the Saint Thomas departure here — our
first Fair 11th-to-close.— Sincerely for last
year 1881- our Society in advance for this
year 1882.—

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Ministers Budget.- Figures are Great, as
you believe them not are statistics thing.
Still are unassailable.— Use as what it is.
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this fall, will be chiefly owing for distribution
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bone anening.— about the Show for my Son
of 21st Inst: that just not known it is
Thursday Forthem, yet it for them, so that
I may have their Photos Photos on the
Monument Tree.— Miserable cuss Home
or last Friday, I have not seen him nor Son
Shown the result of his pulpiming.—

Nevertheless, the Chronicle for Wednesday
Montreal, will not permit Monsieur to be
just with his Constituency, so the C.C. Rail-
ay Supplee again!—

I have not seen at Aborigines Install, Thursday
Jan Inst: any Week.— My Aborigines, was sent
on Thursday Side, and Sept 21st Aborigines, on last
Returned.— 5th + a Pennie in Buffalo.—

The said Indians except; Indians are
Jews after Electric Element, and employed

Yours

Hamilton, Sept:

C.S. Chief Engr

pro. Pr. Pr. Pr.

Chinese Commissioner

My dear Mr. Hall, —

Will you please give me all particulars of the division made by you of a front of Lot No: 6. in the 2nd Con. — as between Frank Jackson — [illegible] of No: 5. and Brooks on No: 6 — at Point de grace — and if the division made by you was satisfactory, and agreed to, and signed by Brooks and Jackson, and all concerned. — and please give me the reason why it became necessary for you to take off part of No: 6. to Jacksons with all of No: 5. —

As I myself understand this matter the west part of No: 5, is under water, and in looking to mine this the late J. A. Hendersons, made a division, same recognised by Brooks & Jackson — Now in the place at once, and report to me immediately how the position of No: 5 is at present. — if any part of it is under water, or if it can be reclaimed on account going on to that part of No: 6. you asked off to No: 5. —

In haste, — Yours, &c.

J. W. Hall
P. Corrector
Hamilton, Ont
9. March 1862.

Jas: W. McCall Esq.
P. Gunsdiam.
St. Williams.
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My dear Mr Wallis,—

Have you [illegible]
the sale particulars of the division made
by you — of part of Lot No: 6. in the
Manor Roy — as between Mark Perkins —
— & No: 57. near Ducats in No: 6[illegible].
at Brent de Pomeroy — and of the division
made by you into Postlington and ad-
joining fields, and assigned by Mark to
Perkins, and the Covenant. — Mine
Perkins pipe on the common until it
becomes necessary for you to divide off
part of No: 6. to Perkins, until the
[illegible] of No: 57.

Do I rightly understand this matter
the west part of No: 5. as under water, to
be leaving to mark this Lot of E.
Wallis, made a division, since comes
him by Lease to Perkins — How
is the Plans at now

must refer to me immediately from
the position of No: 57 as at present. —
if any part of it as under water, or
if then the Number on Plant per
sing on to that part of No: 6. Pom
Lester off to No: 56 —

In haste, Yours, &c.

J. Wallis
H. Bowden
Hamilton, Esq.
9. Walmer 1883.

Yes: Mr. Wallis Esq.
& Symonds.
My Wellington.
Exr.

Fishery Overseer's office...
Hamilton, 10. March 1882.--

Sir,

I have the honor to send you Bank draft No. 467. for the sum of Twelve dollars.--

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows; for years 1881. and 1882.--

1. William Leask. Turkey point: For Seine hauling license on Lots Nos. 6. and 7. - in the Inner Bay - Lake Erie, at Turkey point, received for year 1881.- delivered on 29th of April last.- Amount in full is now herewith sent: - $5.00 ct.

2. David Jackson, Normandale. For a Seine hauling license in Lake Erie, at Normandale, received, and delivered for this current year, $4.00 ct.

3.- Ira Rand. Ass Bearss. Humberston - For a Seine Hauling license: To be same as last year, for the fish in Lake Erie, in front of Lot No: 9.- just to eastern Township of Humberstone, in County of Welland; amount is only.- $3.00 ct

Total. $12.00 ct.

I have the honor to be,
Sir.
Your Obedient Servant
John. W. Kerr.
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa.-

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My dear Sir. —

Yours of 9th instant is just received; I suppose the best thing for me to do, is to pass by all your remarks about Mr Call and Bingham. — —

How to business, in pursuit of persons committing Contraventions of the Fisheries Act, it may become necessary for you to have Mr Jas: Mc Call, Mr Call of St Williams, to accompany you through the grounds and marshes of L. point and Big Marsh. if so you can call upon him to do so. — — I say — I better to prevent crime, than punish it; after committed; As regards dip Nets, make it appear, — fishing to be carried after 6. o'clock on saturday night, nor before 6. o'clock on the following Monday morning in each week. — I know all about the sizes of dip Nets; — as regards Brook and Lime fishing there will be plenty of time

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to discuss this humbug before the fishing is commenced. — —

Where had Mr Cannier his gill nets pitching, name the waters distinctly, on the East, and Boundaries and township, if in any part of Big Marsh, say so. — Keep the Net, you did not, I suppose bring it, to give it back again; — A fishery Officer can pass over private property — its no Trespass; — Read sub sec: 4, of section 18. of the fishing Act. — Fishing Nets is prohibited in all the waters of Ontario; except under licence from the department of Marine and Fisheries. —

Ten days gone by, I found the Fishers always — fishing people. — If you are so timid about getting fined; why say so! — As regards Long point, and who will get Mr Long's place, when he leaves there, I cannot tell; it is nearly two months before that event will take place. — Mr Call I understand is going to Manitoba, early this year. — Do your duty, as long as you hold office, —

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ally dear sir. —

"Upon reflection, I don't
recollect; I suppose the best thing for me
to do, is to pass by this upon honourable
silence." Adieu, my dear Mansfield. — —

"Now to business, in pursuance of previous
committing sentiments of the Chairman
last, it may become necessary for us
to know whether you, Mr. Chairman of
Millbourne, to recommend upon thought
the parole our member of J. Point
our King should, if he upon our
upon him to do so. — — Mr. must
better to prevent him, than punish it after
committed; as happens only that, make it
no pointing to be sooner after J. point
on Saturday night, or before J. point
on the following Monday morning in each
week. — I know all about the duty of
Mr. that; — as regards that our line
pointing this mail to Court of time

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it denies the Sunday before this pointing
is commenced. — —

When dear old Dennis his wife and
pointing, name the matter distinctly, and
the last, and Honeydew, and formally
if in any part of King should, say he.
Say the that upon did, I suppose only
it to open it back again, - a pointing
officer, how pass our private property
it to me Tuesday; — Have sub see:
Section 18, of the pointing act. — Pointing
that is punishable in all the matter of de-
tain people under Dennis Pan the depart-
ment of Illinois our pointing, —

the only upon by, I pursue the Chairman de-
cision — pointing people. — If upon are
to think about getting pointing; — —
he regards Long point, our note mail yet. he
long place, when he leave this, I cannot
this; it is usual two months before that
sent mail this place. — Allow I answer
them as pointing it pleasant, only this upon —
he upon duty, as long as upon take office, —

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It is my intention to do my duty; I have collected up to present date at S. Jerusit, $90, — I sent the same to the fisheries department, Ottawa: and I have done so, so far without hearing any fuss, — But I dont expect that everything will be a bed of Roses for me in Norfolk this year; at same time, I must and shall move things in a charitable way. — — — — I said that no fishing should be carried on from 6. on saturday night, until 6. o'cl. K on the following Monday morning in each week. — I meant opening with light Jacks, — dip nets, gill nets, and Seine nets. Hooks and lines, — I have no more to say at present. — and hoping you will get into no Struggles trouble nor fruitless trouble — this leaves me, — Yours Sincerely. —

J.W. Kerr —

Fishery Engineer
Hamilton, Ont.
20. March 1894

Enos Bowen Esq
J. Guardian —
Port Royal. —

P.S.

I would admire you as a friend, never to write to me, nor any one else in a disrespectful way about the Fisheries department. — Ottawa! —

Yours fraternally. —
J.W. Kerr, —
H.O. —

Hamilton Ont.
10. March 1882.

John Turner Esq.re
37. Simcoe Street
Toronto. —

My dear Turner. —

Yours received, I have not seen Mrs. Gray, since the day you, Inspector Stewart, and myself paid her a visit on this subject you now refer to; when we found her very ill, — a bed of sickness; I expect daily to receive her Testimonials, for this year, of Black Bass Bay, — and of that part of Lake Ontario, on the west part of Toronto Island; between Gibraltar point, and the boundary line, between Gray, & Boulton. Should Mrs. Gray, and you so arrange matters, in regard to her property, on Toronto Island. — I shall endeavour to so arrange the fisheries for her, that she may be in a position to transfer her fishing licence to you, as a valuable appendage to the Island property. —

Who! I would ask you, can build a wharf on the property, or get on it, without your consent, if you buy from Mrs. Gray. — If it is Mrs. Gray's, and your wish, that I should go to Ottawa, to aid in the matter, and you pay my way from here, there and back, I am at your service. —

Yours Sincerely, —
John Wilkes
Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton, Sept.
10. March 1882.

My dear Turner,—

Yours received, & have not been able before this day, since the day, despatch thereof, one supply from her, & waited to see how matters might go in the night, you were right; when we spoke last I was under the impression that you had left Hamilton, & that I should not hear from you again, but I am glad to hear of your safe arrival, & trust you will find your business, & pleasure combined, a pleasant one. — If it is all right, you may remember, that I shall be in Ottawa, the evening of the 20th inst, & you may then hear from me in the matter, and you may then meet me there, also, & we can have a good time together. —

Yours truly, —
Mitchell
Richard Turner
Esq.

Hamilton, Sept.
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Private,

My dear Stewart

I send you herewith a letter I received today from Inverness, and my reply thereto, for Mrs Gray's information. —

From a Memorandum I left for you, on Thursday 2d inst, at Head quarters, you will have learned, I was in Toronto, on that day, — did you go to Lange Williams, and get Small Box, containing six bottles of wine you know — I left them addressed to Mrs Gray — with my Compliments. —

On my return home, I made an application for a fishing licence, for this year, in Mrs Jane Grays own name, of the fisheries as referred to in Copy of letter herewith, that I have written as an answer to Mr John Dewar, — on which I hope will meet Mrs Grays approval. — I was on the Island and I saw Billy Mead, — Mr Mc

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was with me; howeve[r] [o]n a Conversation I had with Billy — I made up my mind, to apply for a licence of Black House Bay, — and that part of L. Ontario, between Gibraltar point, and the line, between Gray and Hayman, on the west end of the Island; in Mrs Grays own name for this year, — licence fee to be off 10, —

And with Kind respects and regards — to you Mrs Stewart and family — and my warm regard and esteem to Mrs Gray — to whom you will please say, my best wishes are for her welfare and recovery. — Read me Dewars letter and my answer to Mrs Gray. —

And believe me as ever. —

Yours very Sincerely. —

J. W. Keys

Hamilton, Ont.

10. March 1882.

W. Stewart Esq
Inspector of Fisheries,

Monsieur,

Mr Clement Scott
Dramatic & Music. Critic.

Tennyson

Hamilton, Ont.

10. March 1885.

Dear Mr Clement Scott,

I have your
kind note & receive today your
lecture, and read it, for the
first information. —

Since a Mr Mennesdorf left for you,
on Thursday 26th instant, at about quarter
past three hours, I was in church, on
that day — that you of Tennyson Birthday
was get hurrah for; pertaining his birthday
was very true — I left this world at
this hour — with my Compliments. —

In my return home, I made an ef-
fort to — finish for this year
as this time Long on now, of the Epinine
as replied to, in copy of letter Hamilton, that
I have written as to answer to this Lec-
ture, — as what I left with most this
Long afternoon. — I was in the Library
was I have Kindly Mercy — the Epinine

Yours Truly
Hamilton, Ont.
10. March 1885.

Mr Clement Scott Esq
Dramatic & Music. Critic.
London

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Mr. Wm Montgomery, 140. Front St.
Toronto.—

My dear Montgomery,—

Mr Hallimell has sent me your letter of the 9th instant, stating that you had applied for license for Frenchmans Bay, and that you got no answer from Mr — Now that you would like to know the reason that you cannot have a license.

Y. Y. Y. — E.

Now then I may tell you that Gunsalus applied to me for license to fish in Frenchmans Bay, — and Gunsalus told me he was not sure whether you would fish or not. — You applied to me for a license — for pike gill nets in the Inlet, no use for you writing Mr Hallimell what is not true. — Gunsalus has since I wrote you and he on 7th instant applied for another fish gill net fishing place and I have strongly recommended the fisheries department to grant it to him. —

Yours truly, —
H. H. Kerr
Fishery Overseer,

Hamilton Ont.
12 — April 1882.

My dear Sir, —

I am in receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, and I am glad to learn you have bought out Mr Davis. — —

I will supply at once, and get up your License in your Name, — and as your time requested. — I am glad to learn you are all well. — I was at Turkey Point on Wednesday the 1st of March, I saw all your friends there, they are well. —

I enjoy very good health, so do — the other members of my — And with my best wishes for — and prosperity Believe me, —

Yours truly, —
H. H. Kerr
Fishery Overseer
Hamilton, Ont.
12 April 1882.

To James Lawes, —
Sandusk Beach
Lake Erie, Chapin Co.

Mr Wm Montgomery, Nro. Church St.

Sunrise.—

Fully clear Montgomery.—

Mr Hallowell has sent me copy letter of the 9th instant, stating that copy had applied for license for Steamhouse and that copy got no answer from Mr — so that copy would like to know the reason that copy cannot have a license.

N. B. &c. &c.—

How can I say less than that Hallowell, on pledge to me for license to put on Steamhouse roof — was flannel talk me he was not sure whether copy would get not. — Copy applied to me for license to put pile plate in the ground: — me for copy writing all Hallowell would is not true. — Flannel, has been 2 months copy sent to me — 2nd instant applied for months pile plate not finding place, on I have strongly recommended the finding duplicate it sent it to him. —

Yours truly.

Wm Stone

Humble Sir,

Obedient Servant,

Fully clear Mr.—

I am in receipt of yours letter of the 2nd instant, and am glad to learn you have bought out Mr Stone. —

I will apply at once, and get up given drawing in your Name, and as yours request. — I am glad it been duplicate. — I have at Sunday Visit on Wednesday the 14th of January, I am at yours truly, one week. —

I hope many years Health, &c. &c.

Yours truly

Wm Stone

Obedient Servant

Humble, Sir

12. March 1852.

Fishery Overseer's Office ...
Hamilton, 12. March 1882. ...

Sir.

I Have the honor to apply to you for a Boat License for Mr August Shoemaker of Turkey point, in the township of Charlottenville, and County of Norfolk: For to fish 1000. yards of Herring, White fish, and Mackerel Gill Nets in Lake Erie; between Horse shoe Harbour point, and the mouth of the Grand River; also to have the privilege of fishing Hooks and lines for Sturgeon, within the ~~gen~~ bounds and limits. ---

He desires to extend from the beach outwards, for a distance of three miles into the Lake; and all the protective clauses to be inserted in the license. --

I recommend the same to be issued for this current season, at the annual rent of Ten dollars. ---

I remain with due respect, and

I Have the Honor to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

H. W. Keen

Fishery Overseer. —

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries
Ottawa. — — — —

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Private!.

My dear Dick.--

I saw in a News paper, a few days ago, that people are getting up petitions to stop all Net fishing in the 15.16. and 20. Mile, ponds.--Do soon as you possibly can! let me have your route for 20. Mile, pond.

Mr. David Tyson, has written to me for to get back his gill net and small lines that he says his children are sick, and he wants to Catch suckers.--I have written him, to say, he can have the small lines and hooks, by applying to [illegible] not any thing else.

I must have of $2, or $3. from him for a license for Catching suckers. and of $5. for Boat license.

How are you getting on. or [illegible] with you.--please answer soon, and let me know who are fishing for [illegible] also [illegible] Station, who has [illegible] for the privilege, and obtained his License, for this current year.

up to present time, I have collected about of $430, and sent same to Ottawa.--for year 1882.--

I would like very much to [illegible] on, or within your licensed limits.--

I suppose Politics have something to say and do in those petitions: I have told some of those people who are now clamouring, that you are as warm, an advocate of the F. C. as they are and so shall it be!. I think I saw Mr. Cas Key, -- at Mr. Rob L. Gibsons funeral, if so he never came to speak to me.

I am very well myself in health, and when the weather moderates and settles, I will come and see you.--Be sure and send your Money down or on receipt of this!.--

I hope you are all enjoying good health,

and Believe me,

My dear Dick.

Yours Sincerely,--

H. W. Keen,--

Fishery Overseer

Hamilton, Ontario

12. March 1882.--

Mr. Richard Gilbert,

Pound Net Fisherman,

Jordan Station. P. Office.

Ontario

Hamilton, 15. Mar: 1882.

My dear Sir, I have the honor to send you by Mail today, your license for the current year, for to fish in Lake Erie, in front of Lot No: 9. in the 1st Concession of the Township of Humberstone, and County of Welland. — I duly received your three dollars, which I remitted to the Fisheries department Ottawa, on the 10th instant. — please for, and recommended the issue of the licence. — Relying me with much respect.

Yours Very Truly.
J. W. Kerr.
Fishery Overseer.
Hamilton, Ont.
15. March 1882.

The Revd
Asa Bearss. —
Sherkston. —
Post Office

My dear Grinsall. —

In reply to your application to fish 1,000. yards of Pike gill net in Presque Isle Bay, Brighton, which I strongly recommended to the Minister, should be granted. — I regret very much to inform you, that your application has not been entertained.

In the first place; it appears Similar permission has already been refused to resident fishermen in view of the fact that such fishing would materially interfere with the movements of fish resorting to these waters for spawning purposes. —

And in the second place; The setting of pike gill nets in Presque Isle Bay, which is a small sheet of water would also be injurious to the spawning bass. — I have been requested by the department to inform you, your request cannot be granted.

I am, Yours Very Truly, — J. W. Kerr. —
D. Overseer.

—Copy.—

Have you written to the department with regard to the closing up of a part of our fishing ground by J. Bolton. I have heard that he intends to fence on each side of his Lot, to the water.—I think there has been an oversight in the Government, when they gave a Patent for the lands to the Company, (Thomas Galt, and William Bailey,) to sell for the benefit of the Creditors of the Bank of Upper Canada.— The question is like this.— Has Bolton or any other one who owns lands bordering on fishing grounds, for which the Government has received rent for over sixty years, and said fishing ground has been used as a public thoroughfare for sixty years and more, to close the same?— According to Boltons deed from the Estate of Burke, and Burke from the Patentee, of that part of the lands situated North East of Lockhart street, which I have understood were sold for Portage purposes, if it should ever be required, I think it was not the intention of the Government that the beach should be closed up, except it was for Portage purposes, which according to Boltons deed, he cannot have a right to sell to any one for that purpose, or use it, for that purpose himself (I think it will be some time before Bolton builds a wharf,) for it would not be used by practicable.— J. Bolton, has petitioned the Niagara Town Council, to purchase that part of Lockhart street, that divides his two lots, this side, (N. W. side) of the Rail Road. A Committee has been appointed, and has examined the street, but have not yet reported to the Council.— Bolton has offered to give the Town all the ground and sand, that might be required by the Corporation, or Corporation purposes.— I spoke to one of the Councillors about the matter, I told him to speak to Gillett, (the Mayor,) who is one of the Committee, which were to make Bolton an offer to exchange Lands in this case; The Corporation to give Bolton the [illegible]

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leading on his Lands N. W. of the Rice Road, for about 12. or 15 feet of the Marsh, up to Rice Creek, that proposition I agreed to, & Mr Bolton, as we give a little unnecessary satisfaction to the public, it would be rather a grievance to the public, buying exclusive privileges, & he declared the privilege of making use of the Land, for Keeping Cattle & Horses, during the time of digging the Canal, I should have thought, I might almost say the unnecessary, I think from what I have written you thoroughly understand the business, but if you have not written to me for further advice, I would just mention, if you would like to do it now.

There is one thing that you ought to publish in Reading, that the privilege of using the Canal for floating Timber, Produce &c will not be granted to any Individual, or any Company, but that the privilege of building a Wharf on Public Land, at the Termination of the Canal, will be given to those who will undertake it, & that Timber &c may be floated to such Wharf, but not to be sold there, but for the purpose of Exportation.

Yours

Thomas Telford

Engineer.

J. C. Nimmo Esq.

Engineer &c.

Edinburgh 7th March 1812.

Fishery Overseer's Office.
Hamilton, 16. March 1882.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for your perusal and information, copy of letter, I have just received from the Honble Minister of Fisheries, resident of the Town of Niagara.

The Honble Minister of and the Fishery Commissioner of Niagara, are to blame for the present poor fishing [illegible] fish & spawning ground fishing [illegible] the east side of the Niagara River from the east side of King street [illegible] Fishery [illegible] to the public of about 250 yards.

It appears this stretch of Beach on the Niagara River, this belong to the Canada Company. The said Company never while owning this property interfered with fishermen, nor did this fishery in the Niagara River.

The said Company, of Niagara having the right, and under lease to the late Bank of Upper Canada. The property from the east side of King street was sold. (Ellis purchased his House and Lot, and Cantrell purchased his House and Lot.)

Ellis's House, is on the east side of King st and his property runs to the River. Cantrell's residence, is only separated from Ellis's property by a lane, common to both residences. The beach in front of Ellis's, and Cantrell's residences is open to the public.

Both residences, as you may see, owned with Beach, and fishing, referred to, in Mr Ellis's letter. — He is to speak for Both Parties, upon this beach property. —

The late Thomas Burke, of Niagara, purchased this W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa. — —

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ship of land, between Sandwich Harbour and Rous-
sin's wharf, then out except intervening strip of ground
the Banks had in his possession for many years, during
his life time, and he kept a lumber yard thereon, next to
Sandwich Harbour, and he never permitted Ellis, for
fishing there, nor ever objected to his any desire to cross
over if he did! I don't believe he ever did. —

When the Honorable Banks died, and Mr Allen, fisher-
having no kindly feelings for Mr Ellis, nor his fortune
as Honorable Mr. Jackson, thought he took possession
of his farm & Mr Bailey, bought this strip of land
for no visible purpose, for he has never lived, and no
people say; but to cause trouble and give annoyance,
to Ellis, Sandwich and plaintiff: and fishing experiment. —

Just before proposes that Ellis and plaintiff must
pay him an annual fee for walking on an open land
when fishing, & they have never been from the
Fisheries department, for upwards of 22 years. —

Burton, fishing to obtain rent, now threatens to force
out Ellis and plaintiff from having fishing
ground No: 3. — and thus debar and stop them from
fishing there; while I may have access for Mr Ellis,
actually forcibly prevents Burton, by occupying a portion of the land
as fishing station No: 4, with Reels, and a House for
drying Nets, & other fishing materials.

Ellis's letter tells every thing to clearly, you
will oblige & the same quickly. —

I will go to Niagara, in a few days, and write
then from or for you a sketch of the place. —

It is only very recently, as you are aware, that
a Decree of the Court of Chancery has been obtained
against Mr Burton for possession of the Beach, &
the property of Mr Ellis from Niagara, when Burton,
this fishes; and I am managing the matter, with

Hon. Ogle Brooks, that Notice or Release may be
Recorded & for that purpose, will be forwarded
me enclosed by the Hon: Adam Brooks. — — —

I hope you will be pleased whenever you have
a leisure hour, to look into this case, you will do so
and ascertain what powers "if any" are given to the
Niagara Dock Company whereby the Water on
behind the head of No: 3. Line standing ground. —
It will not dock any water than by him, nor
within the limits specified in giving Lease No: 3. —
I believe it is under the form of the old Niagara
Dock Company, that Sale action took this. —
Pardon me for troubling you so frequently,
and with due respect —

I have the Honor to be
Sir —
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
[illegible] Engineer

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Sir —
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
[illegible] Engineer

Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton. 17. March 1882.—

Sir,

I Have the honor to send you herewith. Bank draft No: 494. for the sum of Twenty dollars.——

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows: for this current year.——

1. Mr Richard Gilbert, Jordan; For a License to fish in the 20. Mile pond, township of South, already received and delivered, the amount is sent herewith.—— $ ¢. 15.00.

2. William Snook. of Turkey point. For a Seine hauling license to fish on Lot No: 7. Inner Bay. Turkey point, Lake Erie, Seine to be 450 yards long.—— amounts as, 5.00.

Total.—— $ 20.00 ¢.

With reference to Mr William Snook, fisherman at Turkey point, it is a thing impossible for the Superintendent with all his Kindness to do any thing that will satisfy him.— I am however bound, determined to bear with all his wiles and capers.—— I delivered to him his license for Station No: 6. Inner Bay some time ago was he had no money at the time: nor had he seine for 6. & 7. Inner Bay for last year.—— On my remonstrating with him, he gave me $5. for last year on Stations 6 and 7.— Bay. while he was $5 on station No: 6. Inner Bay.— My intention was only to charge $5 for Nos: 6 and 7. for this current year. but as fishing is commenced early, he can afford to pay $10.— for both Nos: 6 and 7. instead of $5.— as I look in clear by. his letter to me desiring me to send his fishing ground No: 4. in the Outer Bay. of Lake Erie at Turkey point.— I am sending one he sent to sell to his slave No 4 Surplus of W. Stokes fishing ground, at same time notes me of not to forget him.— And with due respect.—

W. F. Whitelaw Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries.—
Ottawa.—

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
John W. Kerr Jr. Overseer

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Hamilton, 13 Mar: 1882.

My dear Sir:—

In answer to your enquiries, I may tell you no person is allowed to fish a fleet or seine, except under Licence from the department of Marine and Fisheries,—

If you want a Licence for to fish in Lake Ontario, at the Red brook for Suckers only, you will have to send me $3.— If you want a licence to fish the entire of this year, send me $4.—

And give me at the same time the Number of the Lot, Red creek, is in.— Mr James H. Walker, has taken out Licence for to seine fish.———

Yours truly,

Jno W Kerr

Fishery Overseer

Gen. L. Culp Esqre

Box 73—

My dear Sir: Rec'd....

When you be so good, as to send your Boy (Son) down to the Steamboat at the Landing, and get from Mr a pair of "Cotton Nippers" Hook and Hem — and send them to me by Express. Address them to Mr Jno. W. Kerr. Express Agent. Hamilton — for me. — Let Mr C. — and your Son pick out the best pair. I will pay him for them and all expences when I come down again. — Have them put in a small box. —

Your Hook is all right. I will bring it back, when I come again. — I intend by Wednesday, weather and ice permitting, to be at the Creek again. — And with my kind regards. — Yours fraternally. —

John W Kerr

Fishery Overseer

Hamilton, Ont.

27. March 1882.

Fishery Overseers Office.
Hamilton, 20. March 1882.

Sir.

I Have the honor to apply to you for a license for Mr. Frank Jackson, of Turkey point, in the township of Charlotteville, and County of Norfolk, Fisherman: License fee is to be One Hundred and twenty dollars. — —

In Lake Erie, in front of Lots Nos. 1, and 2, Broken front, Township of Woodhouse; and Lots. 23, and 24, and the East half of Lot. 22, in the Township of Charlotteville, and County of Norfolk. — —

For the privilege of fishing three pounds only, with a single pot each, and to extend into the Lake from the beach, for a distance of Two Hundred Rods. —

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant this license to Mr. Frank Jackson, for this Assistant year. — And with due respect. —

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
H. W. Kerr
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa. — — —

Fishery Overseers Office.
Hamilton, 24th March 1862.

Sir,

I have the honor to apply to you for a license, for Mr Frank Jackson, of Turkey Point, Township of Charlottenville, and County of Norfolk, Fisherman.—

License, as is to be Forty dollars.

In Lake Erie, in front of Lots Nos 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23 and 24, Broken Front, Township Woodhouse and County of Norfolk.——

For the privilege of fishing with one seine Net only with a single boat or foot, and to extend into the waters of Lake Erie in front of said Lots, One Hundred and eighty rods.—

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant the license to Mr Frank Jackson for the current year.— And with due respect

I have the Honor to be—

Sir.—

Your obedient Servant

John W. Kerr

Fishery Overseer

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries.—
Ottawa.———

Fishery Overseer's Office.—
Hamilton, 20. March 1882.—

Sir

I have the honor to apply to you for a license for Mr William Bowman, of Pickering;— for a license to fish a seine in Lake Ontario between the Bays back, and the Rouge, township of Pickering;— to be same in other respects as last year;— also the privilege of fishing 250. yards of Pike gills, Mesh. in the fronts and flankles of the Rouge, situated between the Grand Trunk Railway, and the Iron Bridge, on the Kingston Road: same being also in the township of Pickering: this latter part of the license to expire on 1st May next.—

The amount of license is to be only $5.—

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant the same to Mr William Bowman, inserting the usual protective clauses.——

Dear with due respect—

I have the honor to be,
Sir,—
Your Obedient Servant,
W. H. Hare
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries.—
Ottawa.—

Fishery Overseer's Office...
Hamilton, 20 March 1862...

Sir

I Have the honor to apply to you for a Licence for Mr James Larose, of Sandusk, in the Township of Walpole and County of Haldimand Fisherman...Licence for is to be Eighty dollars...Viz:-

In Lake Erie, in front of Lots Nos 19 and 20, in the 1st Concession of the Township of Walpole: For the purpose and privilege of fishing with Two pound nets, with a single head or Pot, each and to extend into the waters of the Lake from the beach in front of said Lots for a distance of One Hundred and eighty rods...

It appears Larose has bought out Mr W. Innes - whose pounds (2) he has been renting and fishing annually for some years past.-

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant this licence for this current year...

I Have with much respect...

I Have the Honor to be

Sir.-

Your Obedient Servant

John W Kerr

Fishery Overseer

W J Whitelaw Esqre

Commissioner of Fisheries

Ottawa...

Fishery Overseer's Office,—
Hamilton, 20. March 1882.—

Sir,—

I have the honor to apply to you for Sixty printed "Close seasons",— Public Notices.—

I must show for distribution all over my divisions of Norfolk, and Hamilton.—

And with due respect.—

I have the Honor to be,

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

John W Stees

Fishery Overseer

W. J. Whitaker Esqre

Commissioner of Fisheries—

Ottawa.—

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I send your Licences, this day,— As your fish are little.

Also the Returns for Licences.

Public notices for the Licences.

Public notices for each of your divisions.—

Please see many Close seasons,—

J. W. Stees

Fishery Overseer

Hamilton, Ont.

26. March 1882.

Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton. 21. March 1882.—

Sir

I Have the honor to send you herewith Bank draft No: 501, for the sum of Eighteen dollars.—

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows: for this current year of 1882.—

1. Miss Jane Gray. Toronto. For Crib Landing license to fish on Toronto Island in Block House Bay.— and Lake Ontario, at the West end of the Island, V. C. already received and delivered.— amount is.— $10.00.

2. James Longhurst, Niagara: For a license to fish a Seine 150 yards long at the Tannery in the Niagara River, township of Niagara. the same to extend 300, yards above the Tannery up the River; and 100, yards below the Tannery down the River, amount is.— $8.00

Total $18.00

Will you be pleased to insert all the protective clauses in Longhurst licenses and send it to me, and I recommend the same to granted to him at once.— —

Dont with due respect.—

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant.
John W. Stark
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa.— — —

Fishery Overseers Office...
Hamilton, 21. March 1882.—

Sir,

Having communicated... a your decision to Mr. John Gunsale, of Toronto, fisherman, in reply to his application for to fish 1.000. yards of Pike gills Nets in Presqus Isle Bay, near Brighton.—

I Have again the honor to apply to you for a Boat license to fish 1.000. yards of Pike gills Nets in Hall's Marsh which is I believe situated in the Township of Darlington near Oshawa.—

This license I recommend you to grant to Messrs John Gunsale and William Montgomery of Toronto:— Owing to Pike gill net fishing being discontinued in to in Ashbridges Bay. things have become gloomy for poor Gunsale.— I do not feel so much for Montgomery who is a staffing young fellow. Gunsale is paralysed on one side, is an old fisherman — and a subject for consideration.— Last year Montgomery Gunsale, had a license and fished Pike gills Nets in Frenchmans Bay, Lake Ontario; but I omit not repeat my application to you for them there this year as a local fisherman in the person of Thomas Mansfield, Frenchmans Bay, had to get first privilege.— I understand there is no one fishing in Hall's Marsh.— I strongly recommend that you will be pleased to grant this License.— And with due respect.—

I Have the Honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
John W. Kerr
F. Overseer

W. F. Whitaker Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries
Ottawa.

Licenses for $10.—

My dear Sir —

Yours of 20th instant, is duly received; and in reply to your application in behalf of the Farmers you refer to, I have the honor to state for the information of all those persons concerned: — "That fishing by means of Nets, and other apparatus, unless under leases or licenses, from the department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa; is prohibited in all the waters of Ontario." — Thus you will observe it is absolutely necessary for each person to have a license as herein referred to. —

If those persons who desire to fish defrents, will send me a dollar each, with their name and residence besides Post office, address; I will apply at once and get them a license; I must also have the Name of the Creek, where they intend to fish. — —

If a gille net is intended to be fished, the license fee will be $2. for any size up to [illegible] Each Trammel net will be $1,00 — — Those licences must all terminate on 15th of April next. — — —

I send you (2.) public Notices, for posting up, by which Farmers will learn something, they should all know. —

Many thanks for your Kindness in communicating with me: — Believe me with due respect. —

Yours truly. —
D. W. Kerr —
Fishery Overseer, —
Hamilton, Ont.
24. March 1882.

Doctor Harrison Esq
Med: D —
Baltimore Ont.

Private.

My dear Larose. ---

I had a letter from Doctor Richardson, of Selkirk, in behalf of the Farmers, who wish to fish Scoop nets, dip nets - and shot gill nets in the Creeks for Suckers, Fe. - And enquiring from me, where they will obtain a license. -- I wrote and told the Doctor, that Fishing by means of Nets, Fe, Fe, except under Leases and Licenses from the department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa, was prohibited in all the Waters of Ontario". -- But if he sent money to me, I would apply for, and get up licenses. - dip net and scoop net licenses to be $1 each and gill nets up to 100 yards long $2 each. I also require name, residence and Post Office address of persons, applying. - you will please assist in the matter. - I have got up from Ottawa, your Pound Net licenses, 2 for this year, as applied for by you. --

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Some one told me, that Doctor Richardson, collected some Money last year in this Licence way, for B. G. Angham. - And some body else told me you, your partner, last year collected licence Money also. - Now, they kept this Money! or did they pay it over to Angham; do you Know?. -

Any thing you see wrong going on! - please write to me. - I applied and I got up Twelve licenses for ponds, he had better buy out the Money Aldersons, and get the Nets for himself during this year. - When I was down Home and Lunch, - Any one enquired for Gill Nets or Pile nets yet, in L. Erie, - your locality?. -

And with Kind regards. -

Yours Sincerely. -

J. Wilkes

Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton, Ont.

25. March 1882.

To James Larose, -

Sandusk, - L. Erie,

Champion P. Office.

Ont.

My dear Schoumacher.—

I received your Note, regarding your licence in L. Erie, east of the Mouth of the Grand River, Port Maitland; as I presume you will have received your licence, for I mailed it to you, on 20th instant, when I also wrote to you, I need not go over that ground again!.— Your licence will commence at or near the Township between the Townships of South Cayuga and Dunn thence to the West pier of Grand River.— It is a splendid ground for Herring Sturgeon and Pickerel, Bass, Pike.—

Any News, write and send me some! and with Kind regards.—

Yours very truly.—

Thos. Wilkinson.

Fishery Overseer.
Hamilton, Canada
25 March 1882

Mr. August Schumacher,
Fisherman,
Port Dover.

Hon. Sir John...

As was agreed between you and I,— I called on the American Express Superintendent here on my arrival and I told him his company was doing a big business through your waterway, and that a young man named Edward Keating, a resident of Buffalo N.Y.— that the young man Keating came to Niagara last year, and thought his waiting, activity and intelligence, would have him adopted, when of the Niagara Falls and Lake Ontario; he being steamwise, was the suitable... A daily Express should established between Niagara, Fort Erie, Ont. per N.S. the night from Niagara to Buffalo; there should every morning but Sat. Sunday and Monday one steamer daily— left in Sunday back night, should the Friday back the day at one each hour.— the reply to this was, that Canada was ready, attended, but if not, as in former cases and your

friends Love, they should be returned free
for scarcely any thing else was Expressed
from Niagara but frid to Buffalo. —

I hope to the Supt. would encourage
this enterprise, and order the Barrels to be
returned free!. — I have a favorable
answer — but I am to ask again. —

How as regards the Baskets of
plumcuus. for Quiting the Hooks, — I said
25. for a Basket, should be quite Sufficient;
and as Miffling - the Baskets ought
to go almost free — for, as an encourage-
ment.. This time, I had a favorable
answer to. — And with my Kind
regards, believe me. —

Yours truly. —
J. L. Wilkes —
Fishery Overseer
Hamilton, Ont.
25. Mar: 1862.

Jas: Lockwood,
Niagara.
Ont.

Jas: Lockwood Esq.

I got home safe
and sound, the relay at Lewiston was short...I
was not at the Railway station here and I met a
fish-pole for the 24. the of that stuff you
ordered:- he promises to Express it to you
same afternoon. - - He has been very sick
up here since I returned home, was rough
and blowing all the time with Sleet. - - -
It is very fine here today. - - I sent you
Longhooks Lines today. I got it —
last night; please hand it to him, the
first time you see him. - - He was up
my Knife in the fishing week, I kept the
Hooks Knife - quite sharp, the
Eye sight of the Hook is Nearer the
Hook. - - He water in the creek Injuries this!
runs down and he little fishes go out
of Knowledge; and fancies up the Hook
eye of the Hook. - - Then while I am he
a knife, this - I think by right it may

Keen; the eyesight of a Trout is Keener!—

It was about the year 1820. that a Gauger named Lee, introduced into our Neighbourhood, trolling by night during the heat of summer for Trout, and in which he was most successful.—

I remember myself being shown a large deep hole in a River called Davidstown River, at the end of a quick set hedge, belonging to a Mr. Hagarty, by a man named Benjamin Smith, whereon he caught at night a large Trout, 4 pounds weight; with a speckled fly on the hook as a bait; and the night cloudy and dark.— And the following night, after he caught this (first) Trout, he caught another Trout in the same place, 2 pounds heavier than the first Trout.— Now it appears to me, a hawk does not see at nights, nor cannot hunt for food; while a Trout with a Keener eye, is enabled to do so.— Now the Trout must have the Keenest eye!— Trout are both night and day fish.— Hawks are only day birds; just the same as the Owl, is a night bird.— So much for the Trout

(1.)

Just as the train was about to start, I looked round for you, but I could see you any where!.— Have just been this morning, but the sun is shining all day.—

I must go on Monday to Toronto, and Sent for illegal fish nets; As soon as the weather comes all right, I will come down again ... Please dont forget to get a Fish sturgeon, from Albert Bell. And do now and henceforth keep all the hands, Nets, Jet and gate off your fishing grounds, and River Bank.— If you catch any White fish soon,— Mr. John Davis, fish dealer here, wants some from you.— — We are all well.— Hoping this will find you, enjoying the same blessing.— please put up on the end of Town plots Mount Hope, the enclosed Notice,— and with Kind regards to Mrs. Hart the girls.— Mrs. Orr, and Mr. Hutchison.— Believe me as usual.—

Yours truly
Alex. Lee.
J. Sawyer.

Hamilton, Ont.
25. March 1882.—

Memorandum.- For the Board of Inspectors, Ottawa. —

Write you please situate in this Lease, and then return to me: —

That in case the water rises, Parkes shall have the privilege of hauling in out of Station No: 5. on to the East half of Station No: 6. —

Muck is so disagreable that unless it is inserted in the Lease, I believe he will not permit it. —

The water is rising, and will be high this year. — the Inspectors Station where he hauls in; will be overflowed with water; and the fishermen from getting into the hauling; I make the application. —

Yours, &c. —

Hamilton, Ont. 27. March 1862.

J. W. Keefer. —

Notice to Fishermen. — —

The Fine and penalty, for leaving Sturgeon heads, guts and offals of fish or other injurious or prejudicial substances, on the Bank or the Beach of the Niagara River, is a fine not exceeding £100, dollars, or imprisonment for not more than two Months. — —

I hope in future as the Sturgeon are dressed and sold; the Heads, guts, fat and offals of the fish will be also removed away and disposed of, as the Law provides. — — —

By Order from Commissioners.

J. W. Keefer. —

Fishery Comm.

Hamilton, Ont. 25. March 1862. —

Fishery Overseers Office..
Hamilton, 31. March 1862..

Sir,

I Have the honor to apply to you for Licences to fish in Lake Ontario, during this current year of 1862.— And I beg most respectfully to recommend that you will be pleased to grant the same to the undermentioned fishermen as follows: —

1. Alex^r & Richard, and Robert John Allan, of the Town of Niagara, fishermen; for a Seine Hauling License, for to fish one White fish Seine 250. yards long — fishing station No: 17. situated in Lake Ontario, situated in front of the Four Mile pond; and where the Four Mile Creek enters the Lake, the same being in the Township of Niagara, and containing about 376. yards of Lake frontage.— The amount is to be Six dollars.— The ground requires to be cleared.—

2.— George L. Bishop, of Clinton — Seine; for a Seine hauling License to fish One common Seine in Lake Ontario in front of Lot No: 18. first Concession of the Township of Clinton.— The Seine to be 120 yards long, and the amount is to be only Three dollars.—

Will you be pleased to insert in those Licences, all the protective clauses, and please send same to me at once.— And with due respect.—

I Have the Honor to be,—

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

A. Wilson —

Fishery Overseer

N.B. White fish Seine
Licence of Sixteen —
Dollars.— — —

Fishery Bureau Office...
Hamilton, 27. March 1862.—

Sir,

I have the honor to report for your information, that I spent last Wednesday, in Niagara, and December, in connection with the valuable fisheries of those places: — For instance talking about Sturgeon fishing with Hooks and lines; so successfully carried on there in Niagara River, and Lake Ontario, during the Winter, and still going on there, when the weather permits. — However my object is not to treat any further about Sturgeon, in this communication. — —

In connection with the White fish Line Fishing fishermen, at Niagara; with whom I always freely discuss fishing matters, a proposition was made to me, and which I was asked to lay before you by Niagara fishermen, for your consideration. — —

Thus! According to sub section 14. of Section 18. of the Fisheries Act; and by the insertion of this clause in all Seine Fishing licenses, no fisherman is permitted to fish after 6. o'clock on Saturday night, nor before 6. a.m. on the following Monday morning in each week: —

I am perfectly satisfied this law has been strictly adhered to, to the letter. — The consequence has been that no White fish Line for some years past has been ~~ever~~ provided for, for Monday's Market: and which is most serious to White fish Line fishing fishermen at Niagara every Spring: for as you are aware, that except Seine Fishing grounds (2.) in the Niagara River; all the other Seine fishing grounds, eleven in number, are all spring ~~or~~ Seine fishing grounds only. White fish caught on those eleven grounds on Saturday's up to 6. o'clock, p.m., are sometimes sold on

W. F. White Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Toronto. — —

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very cheap; the consequence is, that when White fish are sold cheap on Saturday; people expect to get them just as cheap again on Monday following.—And days frequently pass away, before White fish come up again to their fair prices of value to the fishermen at Niagara.——

What I would now propose and submit for your consideration is this; that when Seine hauling ends, or is given up on Friday nights or early on Saturday morning, for Saturday's Market.—Every fisherman shall stop there, and shall not fish any more, on no condition whatever, for the remainder of the day, on Saturday.——By doing this, the White fish will be preserved to the fishermen for better prices.

The Order that the fishermen may have White fish, on Monday, for Monday's Market, I respectfully recommend that permission be given to commence fishing, Seine fishing at 1.30, A.M. on Monday morning in each week, instead of at 6 A.M. as at present by the Regulations.

By doing what I recommend for your consideration, the Markets of St Catharines, Toronto, Hamilton, and Niagara &c. &c. will be well supplied on Monday in each week.—

I hope I have made myself sufficiently explicit to you; and that my reasons made use of, sufficient for your consideration, and a decision, just towards One, as a benefit to the public at large; as well as to the Seine fishermen.—

I have with my profound respect.—

I have the honor to be,

Sir,—

Your Obedient Servant

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Fishery Overseer

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J. B. Plumb Esqre
M.P.P. &c. &c. &c.
House of Commons.—

Hamilton, 29. March 1852.—

My dear Sir,

I was in Niagara on last Tuesday evening, all day on Wednesday up to Drain Line on Thursday morning....

I saw Sir Warden at Night, on my way, — Thursday evening, from St Catharines to Niagara; he spoke to me as being a candidate for the position at Queenston: He is a true Conservative. — On Wednesday — on my way from Queenston to Niagara, I met James Leyland, on the River Road to Niagara, he was an applicant for the situation also, and he was entitled to it. — Then I saw Mr Lowrie, of St Davids was sure of it, only he would do the duty by proxy, but this would not be allowed: — Besides he was rich. 200 acres of land, fenced Orchard, Berry patches, apple Orchards, a Brick House I mean (not Mr...) I just made up my mind I would tell you how matters stood, about the Station

I [illegible] of the meeting that was held to petition against Niagara being Shipwreckline: & that the Lord — Welland water it, which was about all in its power to remain as it is! Big Jim, blows it on Big rate, however we will see how he acts: — He often lays himself wide & all Ot. — I have recommended them for another 2nd Grain landing ground.... I saw the Select Revenue Inspector, Engr. about Mrs Ryan, and this of Mark, it is all right, Dick as you write me. she is very grateful to you. — By the enclosed cut by — from last Saturday's Spectator it appears Mr F. Robertson M.P.P. — has been asking the acting Minister of finance for $5. — Have you applied for the 5.000.000. which fail Jay. I write you to get from Lord Metcalfe: for Niagara. — My photo is in front of Lake Ontario, but in Hamilton don't — have to come to Niagara, for — [illegible] hands of the Lake, they — come to this [illegible] Queenston. — Yours respectfully — [illegible]

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Memorandum.- For J. A. Clark Esqre
M.P., House of Commons,-
Ottawa.-

Rob: Taylor. of Niagara - fished, caught a Sturgeon recently, with an A: 7/0. fishing hook. It was 8 feet long, and weighed 150. pounds,- Its weight when dressed was only 71. lbs.- The Head weighed 31. pounds.- The fat weighed 29. pounds: The skin. fins, and entrails, weighed 19. pounds.-

Taylor himself, weighs only 132 pounds; his skiff in which he landed the Sturgeon, is only 16' feet long.- and at 5^c. a pound; 71. pounds: it brought $3.55. in Buffalo.-- I hope you will succeed in getting a grant for Niagara Waters.

respectfully communicated,-

J. H. Wilkes.-
Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton. Ont^o
29. March 1852.

Hamilton. Ont^o
29. March 1852.

Dear Sir,

Yours received, and in answer thereto, I may here inform you, that Nos: 19. and 20,- in Clinton, and in front of same in Lake Ontario is licensed to Mr James H. Walker.- And in front of No: 18, owned by Mr George L. Burp, in Lake Ontario, an application has been made for license for him, and which he has paid for.-- Will you please send me #4, and I will apply etc once to the Fisheries department for license for you.- Give length of Seine in yards,- and also length of the Lines, in yards.-- As well as the number of the lot, on which Hendricks Creek, is situated.--

Yours Sincerely.-
J. H. Wilkes
Fishery Overseer.

J. B. Rogers Esqre
Commissioner

Fishery Overseers Office...
Hamilton, 28. March 1882...

Sir.

I Have the honor to send you herewith, Bank draft, No: , for the sum of Thirteen dollars....

Will you be pleased to apply this amount, for this current season as licenses, as follows:-

1. George L. Culp. of Clinton, Farmer: "For a license to fish One Seine 150. yards long, in Lake Ontario, in front of Lot No: 13.- 1st Concession, Township of Clinton", licence already applied for. - amount is.... $3.00.

2. Joseph Crochon of [illegible] Lane, Fisherman: "For a license to fish One Seine 250. yards long, in Lake Erie, in front of Lot No: 14.- Broken Front, Concession, township of Walsingham, and South Riding of Norfolk, the amount sent herewith is. $5.00.

3. Joseph Cronk. of Walsingham, Fisherman; "For a licence to fish One Seine 250 yards long, in Lake Erie, in front of Lot No: 13. Broken Front Concession, township of Walsingham, and South Riding of Norfolk".- the amount sent is.... $5.00.

Total.. $13.00.

Will you be pleased to insert the protective clauses in these licences, and with due respect

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir.-
Your Obedient Servant,
John W. Kerr.-
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries.-
Ottawa.....

Hamilton, Ont.
28. March 1892.

My dear Bowers,—

Yours of the 23rd inst. was only received by me on last evening. I send the $10. away to Ottawa, today, and applied for nine licenses for Brant, and Brocket.— —

I remember everything about Joe Chevrier's rot of years gone bye!— You have so much of the Law on your side; that you need feel no alarm at his threats; and Col: Maher will do Justice in any case!— Read sub section 2, 4, 5, 6, and 13, of Section 13, of the Fisheries act.— Now from the tenor of your letter, I suppose he broke all those sub sections, and sub section 13, breaks the Camels back. And sub section 4, of Section 16, is very clear as to what your duty is, in this case.— — And under the power contained in sub section 4, of Section 18, of the Fisheries act, suppose this dead Creek is private property, you have every right to go there, as provided by law.— How Joe Chevrier, except under lease or license from the department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa, cannot fish a gill Net at all.— —

No matter what King Reigns, you and I, must do our duty, I know you understand all this!—

The Commissioner and his staff, are very busy in Ottawa hence why I dont hear from them, except on license matters.— I have up to date, during this year, received and sent to the department about $500, for licenses.— —

To use a common phrase—To go for every one who commits a Contravention of the Fisheries act, be he, Peer, or Peasant,— No distinction in the eye of the Law.— — As soon as the Woods improve I will come up!— I send you 12, Close season, printed Notices, and there is no other, that I am aware of, when the 15th of April, arrives, you will see that, the close for Bass, Pickerel and Muskinunge is observed.— —

I have ought to have called at the

P.S.

last Wednesday or thursday. — —

Great Sturgeon fishing going on at Niagara with Hooks and lines, I got about 160, for Boat hirers since 1st of January last. — I should suppose that if your Sturgeon Hook and line fishermen, could procure Bait, they would be able to catch sturgeon also. — — It has been an open Winter, I never had a Sleigh ride. — Bad storms, Big blows, and uncertain weather, so far in our advance towards Spring: When at Jordan last, 1st March, I saw a flock of Wild pigeons, between Normandale and Turkey point.

With my warm regard and esteem, believe me as usual,

Yours Sincerely:

J. W. Kerr

Fishery Overseer.

Owen Bowers Esqre
J. Guardian. —
Port Royal. —

P.S. The more determined we are to do our duty, but not tyrannical: the pleasanter we will get along with all persons. — J. W. Kerr — J.O. —
(2d)

My dear Sir.

I send your license by Mr. Le today, and I have had it made out for the entire year. I wish you success. Obey the law and the subject matter laid down in your license. —

and believe me. —

Yours Sincerely

J. W. Kerr —

Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton, Ont^o

31. March 1882.

George L. Culp Esqre
Clinton —
Beaverville. P. Office.
Ont^o.

Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island. — —

Please return Pilot Service Pennsylvania with thanks and oblige yours of about 7th. Inst. Fort Wadsworth Staten Island. — I suppose you are aware that if your Barque Port was lost Pilotage, under present Port Act, may become liable to total stoppage also. — — At the time of your letter, I never had a Pilot's note. — Dear Adams, Pray believe, our uncertain weather be for in our absence to make shipping: Inbound & Outbound Port. 12½ Pilotage. I have a Pilot of Water Pilotage, between Abercrombie and Sandy Point.

Until my name appears and Pattern, believe me as usual,

Yours Sincerely: —

Thomas Adams
Pilot Service.

Pilotage Commissioners Office,
Abercrombie, Staten Island,
31st March 1883.

Pilotage at Port of Port Adelaide. —
Commencing 1st Inst.
Rate:

My dear Sir,

I have your favour
of the 5th. inst. and I have had it read
out to the entire Port. I wish you success.
Adams: the time was the subject matter
that it was in your favour. —
Port Adelaide. —

Yours Sincerely.
Thomas Adams —
Pilot Service.
Abercrombie, Staten Island.
31st March 1883.

Fishery Overseer's Office...
Hamilton, 29, March 1882...

Sir,

With reference to my report to you of the 16th inst. instant, regarding fishing station No: 3. as per sketch, herewith... As you will please observe No: 3. fishing station, runs from the west side of King street, along the beach to Rousseau's wharf... King street is open to the River, and so is the Lane between Canada and Elliot... But Lockhart street, nor Ball Street, are not opened... The Railroad is not fenced in... The Railroad is about 20. feet high, on embankment at Spring street, and the grade gradually lowers, until it ends on the flats, at Wharfs, and Railway station; situated on the Niagara River, further on up the River, from Rousseau's wharf. — It appears Bolton, attempted to get possession of that part of Lockhart and Ball, streets, situated between the Railway, and the waters edge of the Niagara River, from the Mayor and Council, but this he has failed to accomplish. — Bolton claims to own all the land between Cantwell's fence, the Railway, Ball street, and the waters edge of the River; the portions of Lockhart and Ball streets, between the Railroad embankment excepted... You will observe by the sketch; Bolton's House. — I hope you will not permit this fishery to be damaged or injured by being fenced off, so as to obstruct and injure fishery No: 3. — on Niagara River... By your obtaining from the proper department, a Copy of the Patent from the Crown, to the Block Bay — of Niagara, which I hope you will obtain and send me

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa. —

so as to stop Mr. John Boltan's Boycotting proceed-
ings:- for I understand all the claim Boltan
lays or have to the place is only so far as the
building of a wharf is concerned.---

The late Mr. Thomas Burke, paid only
£30. for the place altogether.--And although
by the Will of the late Mr. Burke, no part of his
property could be sold until his youngest child was
of Age; Boltan's Agent, John Bishop, Grocer
and Butcher; so managed the matter, illegally,
I believe; as to get hold of the place for £150.
And while Boltan has been putting himself for-
ward for the purpose; John Bishop is the man
who made the purchase.- I could write more,
but I must keep out of Politics.---

I strongly recommend this matter for your
attention and consideration.-And I hope you will
put a stop to such a fraudulent attempt, for
getting a valuable fishery.- and with due
respect.-

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
John W. Kerr.-
Fishery Overseer.

Fishery Overseer's office.—
Hamilton 29. March 1882.—

Sir,

I Have the honor to apply to you for licenses to fish during this present year as follows:— Viz.—
1. F. B. Rodgers, and Esq.— Beamsville:— "For a license to fish One seine Seine 50 yards long, and one Staking gill net 200 yards long, in Lake Ontario in front of Lots Nos. 17. and 18— Broken front Concession, in the Township of Clinton, and County of Lincoln".

The amount is to be only four dollars.—
1. Samuel F. Weaver, Port Colborne; "For a license to fish a Seine 120. yards long in Lake Erie, in front of Lot 16 Broken Front, Township of Humberstone, and County of Welland".— The amount is to be only, three dollars.—

Will you be pleased to insert the protection clauses in these licenses; which I recommend may be granted immediately. and with due respect.—

I Have the Honor to be.
Sir,—
Your obedient Servant,
John W. Kerr—
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Wilcocks Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries.—
Ottawa.—

Hamilton, Feb 29th 1852

Mr. W. H. Whitaker
Sandwich

My dear Mr. Whitaker,

I sent you by Express today in a Basket to your address, - two white fish; One of them is a beauty, and the other one, if not is next your beauty, under size but well. - I hope you are all well. I have not heard from you since the Sessions commenced. - These are the only White fish caught by Indian Hand this season; Oh, how beautiful and handsome they appeared when I was placing them in the basket for you this morning. -

Mr. Farmer, the Agent here, sent them free he did not charge me. Please remember me Kindly to Mrs. Whitaker and family. - Accept, a cold caught at Niagara last week yesterday, I am in your debt. - I wrote Mr. Plumb, M. P. to ask for 5.000.000 White fish fry, to be sent from Sandwich Hatchery to Niagara, so as to mix the breeds of white fish in Lake Erie, with those in Lake Ontario; already 14.000.000 White fish fry, have been planted in Lake Ontario at Oswego I saw it in Newspapers. —

No matter where White fish fry, may be planted in Lake Ontario, they will be sure to pay Niagara a visit, but there is great good to be derived by getting fry from Sandwich Hatchery for Niagara

The Storekeeper fishing for sturgeon at Niagara, from 1st of January, up to present time; has brought about 3.000, dollars, into the poor little town of Niagara. - I hope Mr. Sam: Wilmot, will help to get up the Hatchery there; and in consequence believe me as usual, Yours Sincerely. —

John Wilkes —

Hamilton, Canada

W. H. Whitaker Esq

29. March 1852.

John William Kerr

Hamilton

1st qr of January 31st qr of March, 82

					Miles.		
1882.							
January	4.	Ont Route, getting up Annual Returns for 1881.—	1.	36.	Ry. Vs.	2	00.
"	5.	Ont Wiarton, getting up do. do,	1.	34.	41 B,	2	75.
"	6.	On B. bay, and Gauges, putting up Notices, and staking off waters of Bay, sat apart. Vs. Vs. —Vs.	1.	20.	34 B,	2	25.
"	7.	Ont St Catherines, Port Dalhousie, getting annual returns,	1.	80.	Ry. do.	3	70.
"	9.	On Heights and Port Dover, do, do,	1.	46.	do.	4	45.
"	10.	Ont Pt Dover, I. point, and returned to Hamilton,	1.	72.	do,	3	25.
"	12.	Toronto, Leslieville, thence to Pickering. Vs.	1.	60.	do.	5	60.
"	13.	Pickering, Franchemans Bay, Pt Union, getting returns.	1.	64.	do,	1	75.
"	14.	off to Niag— getting annual Returns, Vs.	1.	60.	do.	3	55.
"	15.	Ont Niagara and Queenston, do. —	1.	16.	84 B.	2	50.
"	16.	Ont Niagara, St Catharines, and Hamilton, Collected Licenses fees, — for Canvas, and Standing fishing	1.	60.	Ry. Vs.	2	50.
"	23.	On B. Beach, getting up Annual returns. —	1.	20.	84 B.	2	00.
"	24.	Ont Toronto, found all right. —	1.	90.	Ry. Vs.	3	00.
February	11.	Port Colborne, Ridgeway, and Niagara. —	1.	110.	Ry. Vs.	7	95.
"	12.	Ont Niagara the Queen St, pond St Catharines and Hamilton				"	50.
"	27.	On B. Beach, Issuing Licenses, Ont Beach & home	1.	58.	84 B.	2	75.
"	28.	Ont Port Dover and my away to I. point	1.	41.	Ry.	2	75
March.	1.	Ont I. point, Issuing licenses, back to Port Dover again, and Home to Hamilton. —			84 B.	1.	00.
			1.	82.	Ry. Vs.	2	75
"	2.	Toronto and Toronto Bay. — I. Overseer Wm Hallivell, with me. —	1.	90.	Ry. Vs.	5	50.
"	20.	Ont Toronto and Port Credit, gave Miss Jane Gray her license —	1.	92.	Ry. Vs.	3	50.
"	21.	Ont St Catharines and Niagara. —	1.	50.	do.	4	30.
"	22.	Ont Queenston and Niagara. —	1.	16.	84 B.	3	00.
"	23.	Ont Niagara S. Bridge and Hamilton,	1	60.	Ry. Vs.	2	25
		Totals. —	23.	~~1459~~ 1479	Miles.	78	15

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John W Kerr

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Fishery Overseer's Office..
Hamilton. 31st March 1882.—

Sir,

I Have the honor to send you herewith, for your consideration and approval; my account and diary of actual expenses, and disbursements for travel incurred by me. Vc. Vc.. while employed on active duty in the Divisions of Hamilton, and Norfolk, during the quarter ending this 31st day of March 1882, amounting to the sum of. . . . . $78.15.4.

Add! John W. Kerr, F. Overseer. Office hire, No:1. " 5.00..
" . John W. Kerr, - do.- Stationery.- " 2. " 5.73..
" . John W. Kerr.. do.- Telegraphs. " 3. " 1.89.-
" . John W. Kerr.. do.- Postages.- " 4. " 5.37..
" . John W. Kerr. do.. For Extra Services rendered during the quarter, in the Norfolk division of Lake Erie, same rate as already allowed by the Hon: The Minister.- - " 5. 50.00.
" . Edward F. Kerr, Boatman. - " 6. 10.00.

Total.-$.156.14.4.

In submitting this account, I beg most respectfully to ~~ap~~ your ~~for~~ ~~this~~ that I have travelled 1459 Miles during this quarter.- I Have however, only visited such places within the divisions, where it was absolutely necessary for me to do so.— And this was in strict observance of the Fishery Law, rules, regulations and Orders in Council.- -

I am happy to inform you that during this quarter, I have collected $472. dollars for licenses issued, and remitted the same to the department, Ottawa.— And I do expect shortly to send you more money, and this will show you the Fisheries of my divisions, is in a healthy, prosperous and satisfactory condition.— And with due respect, I Have the Honor to be, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,
John W. Kerr.
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries,—
Ottawa.—

My dear Sir.

I send you by todays
Mail - Messrs Crockett and Brooks
Seine hauling License for year 1862.—

Will you be pleased to hand over
the Licenses carefully to each before
delivery. - I gave McCall - James
Overholts license to deliver when I
was last at P. point. - I have heard
nothing of him or it since. — — You
will enquire about it. —

A person fishes a small Seine, west
of St Williams Harbour, Inner Bay,
Lake Erie - he must either pay a license,
or you must seize his Seine net. —
Your letter has just arrived. —

Yours Sincerely
John Wilkes —

Wm Bowman Esq
St Thomas —
Elgin Co.

[illegible] 1862.

My dear Sir. —

I am in receipt of
your application for a license to fish a
small Seine in Lake Erie in front of
Lot 18. Broken Front, Township of
[illegible] Forestville during this year. —
The license fee will be of 3. dollars, -
I have applied to the Fisheries de-
partment, Ottawa for your license
please send me the Money, the
three dollars on receipt of this.
Send back to me. —

Yours truly,
John Wilkes —
Fishery Overseer
Inner Bay Co
Elgin Co.
9. April 1862.

Mr Sam[illegible] H. Wilkes,
Port Colborne —
Co[illegible]

Fishery Overseers office.—
Hamilton, 3. April 1882.

Sir

I have the honor to report for your information: that since spike fish Act, fishing has been prohibited in Muskoka as I say, a good many persons are now resolved to procure ale the fish they will require by shooting them, when playing on the grass beds.——

I will feel much obliged by your instructing me, how I am to proceed, in order that I may stop and put down such unsportsman, and illegal proceedings.— Send with due respect.—

I have the Honor to be,

Sir

Your Obedient Servant,

John W. Kerr,—

Fishery Overseer

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa.——

Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton, 3. April 1882.—

Sir

I have the honor to send you Bank draft No: 55[illegible], for the sum of Ten dollars.—

Will you be pleased to apply this amount, for this current year as follows:—

1. Alex William Ward, Toronto Island.— For a Lewis license to fish at the end, and Gaff.— Toronto Island, already received and delivered. $10.00

Dud with due respect.—

I have the Honor to be,
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
John W. Kerr
Fishery Overseer

W. F. Whitcher Esq
Commissioner of Fisheries.—
Ottawa.— — — —

W. F. Whitcher,
Commissioner of Fisheries.—
Ottawa.— — —

Please direct Mowat to bring one Million fry. to Port Dover, for Lake Erie,— and thirty thousand Trout fry. from Mon Castle.—

Hamilton. 10. April 1882.—

John W. Kerr
Fishery Overseer

Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton, 3. April 1882.—

Sir,

I have the Honor to report for your information that persons who have been permitted to set Seines in the Creeks and Streams on the North shore of Lake Ontario, and that run into the waters of Lake Ontario; between the Village of Burlington and Whitby Harbour"; for their own use; have abused that privilege; as I am credibly informed by Licensed fishermen.— They sell those Seines to fish peddlers, to sell meerly; and by so doing they damage our licensed fishermens Market.—

I recommend that you will be pleased to withdraw this privilege and hereafter be pleased to instruct the Bailiffs to charge all such persons a small license fee not to exceed $5 for the enjoyment of such privileges.—

And with due respect —

I have the Honor to be
Sir. —
Your Obedient Servant
John W. Kerr —
Fishery Overseer

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries
Ottawa.—

Private !.

Fishery Overseers Office. —
Hamilton, 3. April 1882. —

Sir

I send you herewith, Copy of a private letter, which I received from Mr. W. R. Wallace, present resident Attorney near Wreckhouse Race Bonavista East Coast. — It is the impression on many honest minds that George Lang did wilfully and maliciously set fire to Mr. James Martins House — alluded to in Wallaces letter. — —

Mr. James Martin, is the person who bought out Woodland & whom he paid $ 500. for House, flake and a fishermans Log. —

Mr. James Martin, had obtained Crew, Seamen from you this year, some time ago, and had begun fishing. — He lost $ 75. dollars worth of gills nets — a stove, and was immediately afterwards burned out. — I saw the place on Saturday last and I may have told you, that some of the old burned stone wore, was used as anchors on the Straight Line and Hooks. I found set in Clarkbridges Bay. — Hurd with due respect. —

I Have the Honor to be
Sir. —
Your Obedient Servant
J. Lid. O'Keefe —
Fishery Overseer

W. F. Whitcher Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa. —

My dear Sir.—

Yours of 1st inst. received.— I expect very shortly to be in Niagara, and I will then telegraph you.— In the mean time if you will again go and see Mr. Harry Shepard and arrange with him; and Mr. Shepard will then write me, exactly what part of the River fishing grounds, seine hauling, and Stooks and Lines for Sturgeon fishing, I will then arrange the matter for you; just as he gives it.— In the mean time, believe me,

Yours Truly

John W. Kerr—

Fishery Overseer,

Hamilton, Ont.

Mr. John Winfield Scott,

Fisherman,

Lewiston, N.Y.

6 Sept 1892.

Copy.—

Dear Sir,

Hamilton, 17. 1892...

I received your letter
dated 6th inst. this morning, and
in reply to the same I may say that
I will not be able to leave home
before Saturday next.

I may say that I have
not been fishing for
Sturgeon this season
at the Niagara River
as I have been attending
to the fishing on the
Lake Shore. I have
however been informed
that there is a good
deal of fishing going on
in the River at the present
time, and I will
therefore go there
on Saturday next
and will write you
as to the result
of my visit.

Yours truly,

John W. Kerr

Mr. Kerr.

Fishery Overseers Office.-
Hamilton, 3. April 1882...

Sir,

I had the honor to receive from you on Friday morning last, the copy of your letter to F.B. Deaper Esqre Chief Constable, Toronto, Ontario dated 30th March 1882.- in relation to gill nets being ill policy fished in Ashbridges Bay... And in consequence I proceeded to Toronto by the early Train, 6.45 A.M. on Saturday morning, and having a Boat with two men, rowed down to the lower end of Ashbridges Bay, opposite Leslieville, and after grappling for some time, I succeeded in finding a string of pike gill nets set there, anchored with three iron hook, at each end of the Net, which is about 300 yards long; and divided into six seperate pieces... I also found gillnets in this net pike, perch, sunfish, Cat fish and silver bass; about 30, altogether in number...

I found in the lower end of Ashbridges Bay, a Night line set, containing 115 Hooks,- this was baited with small perch, and small sunfish. - I believe this Night line and hooks belong to George Lang and William Lang, of Leslieville, who live near the place where I found the line and hooks set.-

At present I cannot say who owns the 300 yards of pike gill net.- On my return to the City of Toronto from Ashbridges Bay, I met Mr Wm Hallowell, Bailiff Overseer, coming out after me.- He being in Town on hearing from Mrs Doyle fish dealer, that she had sent a vessel to Limeralls Wharf House, procured a Boat and came out on the Toronto Bay to find me out.- I have arranged with him to spend a night, some day or time this week to go on Ashbridges Bay again, and search for more gill nets.-

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries
Ottawa...

I believe the best plan to get hold of all these pike gill nets, would be for me to go into the Houses of all suspected persons, search for and if found seize them.---

On my return home at the Union Station, I met Detective Burrows, Police Jones came through the Car, I was in, and told me Sergeant Bernhall and four men had gone down to Ashbridges Bay, to hunt for gill nets, and seize them. — His name is Mr. Fox.

I bid Mr Burrows to inform Chief Constable Draper, of my trip into Ashbridges Bay, and what I had succeeded in capturing. —

And with due respect

I Have the Honor to be,

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

John W. Kerr —

Fishery Overseer

P.S. I gave the fish I found in the Gill nets to John Fennell, one of the men who accompanied me in the Search I made. —

Yours respectfully. —

J.W.K. —

In Week of the 1st of April 1882.---

ILLEGAL FISHING. — The Minister of Marine and Fisheries has telegraphed to the Chief of Police here empowering him and his officers to seize any seine or gill nets found laid in Ashbridge's bay, the Humber, or Don rivers. Notwithstanding the fact that there is in Toronto an inspector of fisheries and an assistant inspector, a great deal of illegal fishing is carried on, which prevents certain classes of fish from spawning. The instructions received by the police will be promptly carried out.

Some people are found of notoriety.. I am only surprised I found any gill nets, or lines and hooks, with such important information as this! promulgated to the public..

Perhaps the gill nets and lines and hooks, I captured, were placed where I found them, by Billy Lang and his brother George; on that day Mr Anderson and his party — found them...—

John W. Kerr —

F. Overseer

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Hamilton, Ont.
1. apriel 1882. —

Myy dear Gunsall,

I had a letter from Mr. Charles Gilchrist, Fishery Overseer, on my return here this evening; to say you can have a Licence for to fish Pike gill Nets, in Hall's Marsh. Will you accept of it, if so, please let me know immediately. —

Have you heard yet! who own the gill Nets, line and hooks. —

Hardyman, was not pleased because he did not get some of the fish. —

Of course he heard me give them all to you. — Burrows — detectives, told me; Bowhall and party of Police had just gone down to hunt for gill nets, &c. in Ashbridges Bay; have you heard, if they got any. — did Billy Lang, or who lost nets and hooks, where you and I found them. — Yours sincerely. —

Mr. John Gunsall, } J. Wilkes, J. Cameron

Myy dear Frank. —

I have applied and got up your licence for to fish four pounds, last years grounds, this year,

I suppose you will be soon going to Port Dover, to prepare and get things all ready. —

I send you, corrected licence for the Inner Bay; - Lake Erie, at Turkey point. - Now let me tell you truly and sincerely, that the west half of Lot No: 6, - is more particularly included in your licence to be hauled in on, and so prevents you and crew getting wet in your boat, if water is high, and you had been obliged to haul in altogether on lot No: 5. —

Any News? — Yours truly, —

J. Wilkes J. Cameron
Hamilton, Ont.
1. apriel 1882.

Mr. D. Jackson. —
Turkey Point. —

Fishery Overseers office.—
Hamilton, 3. April 1882.—

Sir.—

I send you another of Chief Constable H. S. Draper's Sensation articles.—Cut by me from this days Mail.—— I find that you omitted to give Mr. Draper; the name of James Martin, who fishes in Lake Ontario, in front of Ashbridges Bay, and the Township of Scarborough.——

And with due respect,

I Have the Honor to be,

Sir.—

Your Obedient Servant,

John W. Kerr,

Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa.——

Published in Sat. Mail.——

SEIZURE OF FISHING NETS.—Early on Saturday morning Fishing Overseers Kerr and Helliwell proceeded to Ashbridge's bay and succeeded in capturing 400 feet of gill-nets, containing some forty pike, which they confiscated. To guide him in the prosecution of parties illegally fishing in the bay, the Chief of Police communicated with the Fisheries department, and has received a reply stating that no order-in-Council was passed to prohibit net-fishing in Ashbridge's bay. The Department, it appears, exercises its own discretion in such matters by simply refusing licenses, without which no fishing can legally be carried on. The only licenses granted this season, on the joint recommendations of Overseers Kerr and Helliwell, for seine and net fishing in the neighbourhood of Toronto, are as follows:—Wm. Ward, 1 seine at the Bend and gill-nets between the Humber and Dutch church; Widow Jane Gray, 1 seine at Blockhouse bay; Chas. Nurse, 1 seine at Parkdale, and gill-nets in front of Township of Toronto.

Memorandum for Mr. S. N. Rennet,
Fisheries department
Ottawa.—

My Dear Thousand Thanks for Cheque $125.—
I will send you something the latter
end of this week.— I send you another
Sensational Mail News paper article of
Chief Constable Draper. Thanks.—
Hamilton, Ont. Respectfully Yours.—
3. April 1892.— J. W. Kerr Esqr.

P.S.
And many thanks to Mr. Whitaker
and you, for the copy of Major Draper's
letter; with your remarks.— I got the
whip hand of him, and so he may.
Yrs. J. W. Kerr Esq.—

My dear Mr. Rodgers.—
I send your
License by mail today, and I wish
you and partners success.—
and believe me.—
Yours Sincerely.—
J. W. Kerr
Fishery Overseer
Hamilton,—
3. april 1892

J. B. Rodgers Esqre
Y. Y. Y.
Beamsville, Ont.

Memorandum of the 4 in Council
Office Department
Ottawa.

My dear Sir Charles

I write now chiefly to say that I am out of this week. I hope you will sometimes think of me & write me. Yours truly

Sir Charles Tupper Bart. &c. &c.

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Memorandum for Council.

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"Fishery Overseer's office.."
Hamilton. 5. April 1882.-

Sir,

I have the honor to send you herewith, Bank draft No: 561. for the sum of Twenty five dollars. - -

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as License fees, for this current year as follows: —
1. William Ward. Toronto Island; "For license in full already received and delivered" in full $ 10.00.
2. Charles Hurse. The Humber; "For licenses already received and delivered". on a/c, 11.00.
3. F. B. Rodgers & Boy, Beamsville; "For license already received, and delivered". in full.- 4.00.
And with due respect. — Total - $ 25.00

I have the Honour to be. —
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
John W. Kerr
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa.

P.S. Have a Sturgeon fishing. I hope they will give it up. for as to enable the White fish to come on as they have usually done on to the fair fishing grounds, — the barrier should be left in their course to divide them up. — such as Sturgeon Weirs &c &c

Wm Hamm Elliot
Niagara.—
Ontario.

My dear Mr Elliot

I expect to be down at Niagara, accompanied with or by Mr James Mervis of the Sandwich Fish Hatchery, bringing 1.000.000. white fish fry for planting in the Niagara River. Same evening shortly. On Receipt of this. I wish you to walk from the Queens Royal Hotel Boat House down as far as Roussain's wharf and Notice any and all sturgeon offal, &c. to be instantly removed, so that every thing may look clean, neat and tidy. whatever evening I get down.—

In last saturdays Mail, appears a Letter from Mr Plumb, all. fr.— about the Niagara fisheries — addressed to the Minister of Fisheries. Whatever evening I come down, I will take copy of it, so that you may advise the Fishermen to meet the Fry, with Boats, and place the fry, in the best possible place; keep from the Old Fort, on up towards St Davids.

I got a Tracing made of your plan, reported thereon, and sent the same to Fisheries, Ottawa.— any White fish seining yet?— I have not much News of any Kind.— I send to your address to day, a Licence for Messrs Richard and Robert John Allan, of Seining Station No: 17.— It is the upper, best Lewis hauling ground of them all.— You will please deliver this Licence, and I am get the Money. $10.— for it when I come down.— I have applied for permission to commence Lewis fishing at 1.30. a. m. on Monday mornings, so as to enable your people to have fish on Monday morning for Market, and so Keep up prices.— But if so granted, no Lewis fishing shall be allowed, after o'clock, a. m. on Saturday mornings in each week.— Everything ought to be done to maintain and Keep up paying prices.— With Kind regards, I. I. Hamilton, Ont.— Yours. &c. J. W. Kerr.

5. April 1882.

Light a burning candle of your own, replace
them, and put the room in darkness. Then
Sing Little Light burning bright:- Then put
your whole of your Finger. - Then at
Sing darkness to clear a Dance for Light
Darkness, and Count of Silence of Light-
ning Statistics who: 12:- Be as the upper part
Then Looking Ground of them all. - Sing
while Flame closing this Dance, and Then
Put the Hand. 410.- Or it when Some
Dance. - Some applaud Or Pantomime
to Commence Dance finding at 1.30. P.M. on
Hand morning, Be on it walk Sing Dance
Pole it Some Sight on Hand morning of
Hunter, and be Keep up Pause. - But if be
question, no Dance finding shall be allowed.
after applaud, P.M. on Saturday morn-
ing in week week. — Keeping night
to be done it mention and Keep up Sing-
ing Pause. - Until Hunt Ground. It.
Hunter, Entry. Pause. Be. Light Hunter.
6. Sept 1885.

Light Dance Hunter
Singing
Pole
Light

Light Hunter Hall

Light it be done at
Singing, accompanied with the Pause
Pause. of the Hundred Light Hotelkeeper
Singing 1.000.000. while Light Sing Pole
in the Singing Hunter. Be Ground of the
Hunt Sing it week Sun the Pause Light
Hotel Hunt Dance Pause as Sing as Pantomime
Ground our Notice Hunt our all Singing
Night. It. to be mentally Pause Dance, be that
Hunt Sing Hunt Hunt Pause Sing Dance. —
Night Pantomime Pausing Light Dance. —

Be Hunt Saturday Hunt, Appears - Late
Pause Hall. Hall. P. - Dance the Singing
Pantomime - Endeavour it the Hunter of Pantomime
Hotelkeeper Pausing Light Dance. Hunt Late -
Ground, be that Sing Hunt Pause the
Pantomime it Meet the Sing, Hunt Hunt
Pause Pole the Sing, in the Hunt Possible
Pause; Hunt Sing the Clear Hunt. Pause -
Pause Be Hotelkeeper. Hunt -

My dear Snook,

"Yours of the 4th inst. received with Post office Order for five dollars, to apply on No: 6. Inner Bay, Lake Erie, at Turkey point, for last year 1881, as your letter states. — Now then I will explain to you: On the 10th of March last, I sent to the fisheries department, Ottawa, $5. I received from you, for to apply for Seine hauling licence on Lots Nos. 6. and 7. in the Inner Bay, Lake Erie, at Turkey point, received for year 1881, delivered on 29th of April 1881. — amount in full, is now herewith sent. $5.00". This $5. was the first money I got from you this year, and you will now perceive I applied it for your licence of last year, then overdue, and so secured the grounds 6. and 7. to you, and which you were liable to lose if I had omitted to do so.

On the 17th of March last, having received $5. from you, — I applied the same as you directed thus: "William Snook, of Turkey point. For a Seine hauling licence to fish on Lot No: 7. Inner Bay, Turkey Point, Lake Erie, Seine to be 450 yards long — amount is $5.00". This licence, I received and sent you; — and this licence was for No: 7. for this year 1882. — "As you wished it." —

Now then! — On yesterday, I received from you Post office Order, for $5. and with your directions to apply the amount for last year, and you say: "As I did not fish there last year, you offered it free, but demand pay now." —

In this statement you are a head of time! — Read my letter to you of 8th of March last. — Before using such language! —

The amount, $5. I now receive from you. I send to the fisheries department this day, thus: — William Snook, Turkey point, For a licence to Seine Haul on Lot No: 6. Inner Bay, Turkey point, Lake Erie; already received and delivered. $5.00. — This I hope you

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will find Jack and appear. — Frank Jackson — paid $10. for No: 5. and west half of No: 6 — Inner Bay, — and although I suppose you think, this arrangement is hard on you: still I may as well here tell you candidly, that the Fisheries department at Ottawa, who know everything about our affairs at Turkey point, have approved of, and given the licence, — and I may as well advise you as an old friend to make up your mind and get on harmoniously with your neighbouring fishermen, and work together, and improve your condition. —

Dick now!! what about lot No: 4. in the Outer Bay, Lake Erie, at Turkey point have you disposed of it, as you said you would — to John Helmer — Bill Helmers son. — Or what do you propose to do about it? — It is all hard for you to write, and tell me the stakes are pulled up between your lot No: 4. and Wm Helmers No: 3. when you know better — Helmer pointed out to me the line between you and he: on his Road the last time I was at Turkey point, when he paid me his licence fee of $25. dollars. —

If you are going to dispose of lot No: 4. say so, and do it. — If you are not going to fish on it, say so, and return to me the licence, and I can rent it right away, for more than you are to pay the F. department, for licence this year. — With the foregoing remarks given you in a spirit of Kindness and friendship — Believe me, Yours as ever. —

John Wicker,
Fishery Overseer.
Hamilton, Ont.
6. April 1892.

Wm Smoke,
Fisherman
Turkey point,
Normandale, P.O.
Ont.

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well spirit you are square. — Thank
Heaven — Jesus 1 Tim. 1:15. our most
holy 1 Pet. 1:16. dear God. — our nothing &
suppose you think. this arrangement is long
on you: table & roof as well has the table
of Contents. what the Christian statement
at Athens, we have anything about our
offering at sunday point. have offerings of
our given the heaven. — our & roof as
well cannot you as on the point the well
up you must not get on harmonious
with your neighbouring Christian. no work
together, not confuse your Christ. —
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better. Holiness, painter out to me

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the sun between you" or sin Head. the
last time 1 was at sunday point, when he
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marks given you in a spirit of
Christmas and generally. — We =
have me. Yours in case. —
Christopher.
Sidney Cooper.
Hamilton, Ont.
6. Christ 1922

To
The Rev. Canon
Sunday Point.
Whitewater. B.C.

Fishery Overseers Office..
Hamilton 6. April 1882..

Sir.

I Have the honor to send you Bank draft No: 5 for the sum of Eight dollars..-

Like you be pleased to apply this amount, for this current season, as follows: —

1. William Smoots. Turkey point: For — license to haul one Lot, No: 6. Inner Bay. Turkey point. Lake Erie; already received and delivered.. - - $ 5.00

2. O. D. Bates. Burton; For Boat license to fish 600, yards of Pike gill Nets in Burlington Bay, within certain limits, hence to expire on 15th instant. now sent you on account.. - - $ 3.00

And with due respect — Total. $ 8.00

I Have the Honor to be,

Sir: —

Your Obedient Servant,

Phil Vankoughnet

Fishery Overseer.

W. J. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa. - - -

Undelivered.

My dear Mansfield.

Yours of 4th instant, duly received; please send me your license immediately, and say for how long you wish to have it extended. --

When I applied for and recommended this Boat license for you to fish pike Gill nets to be granted to you, I done so expecting you would faithfully observe the law, as set forth in your license. -- Then why do you not do it!!..

To day, I have a letter from John Tripp, of Dumbarton, Ontario, Complaining of you thus! "Thomas Mansfield, "claims to have a license to take Pike in "Frenchmans Bay, with gill nets, I should "like to know how long they are to be, "and whether it is lawful for nets to be "kept in the water on Sunday, as I "have been informed they are doing for "the last two weeks, by answering the above "you will oblige". - Yours truly,

John Tripp -

Now you see the mess you have got into! and my advices to you has gone for nothing. - - - You had better Keep out your gills nets henceforth from 6. o'clock on Saturday night, until 6. a.m. on Monday morning. - And Certainly you know Mr. John Tripp. - and what his intentions are of old. - Obey the laws, and you care for no man. -

Yours Truly -

John Wilkes -
Fishery Overseer.
Hamilton, Ont.
6. April 1882.

Mr. Thomas Mansfield,
Fisherman. -
Frenchmans Bay. -
Dumbarton. P.Office.

Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton, 10. April 1882.—

Sir,

In reply to the Telegraph from William Smoak, fisherman, Turkey point, addressed to you, bearing date, Vittoria, April 4. 1882.— Complaining!— "Mr Kerr, has placed Jackson in possession of "ground Number Six, Inner Bay, have paid hi= "cence, close season in ten days.— Will be all "fishing, if not attended to".— Signed W. Smoak.—

I have now the honor to explain and report for your information all the facts in this case.—

In the first place, it was only on the 4th instant, the same day, he telegraphed you, that he wrote, and sent me post office Order, to apply #5 license fee, on this ground for this current year, please refer to my letter to you of 6th instant, with Bank draft #566.— And it was only on the 10th March last, I sent you, per Bank draft #467.— 5. dollars, #Mr Smoaks, license fee, for year ending 31st December 1881,— on fishing lots, #Nos. 6. and 7. Inner Bay, Lake Erie, Turkey point.—

"#Mr Smoak requires to be closely watched".—

By my letter of 3rd March last, Frank Jackson, now complained of, paid #25. dollars.— Ten dollars of which, was paid for fishing station #No: 5 and the half of Lot #No: 6.— Inner Bay, Lake Erie, Turkey point.

For good reasons, under arrangements made by the late Overseers, Bingham and Backhouse; and which I approve, Lot #No: 6. was divided, giving Smoaks 8. chains of the east side of it; which with all #No: 7. station, of 15 chains, gave William Smoak, 23 chains, altogether, less frontage, sufficient for all, his fishing purposes.— Now as regards Frank Jacksons ground

W. F. Whitcher Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa. — — —

Lot No: 5, it was originally with land and submerged frontage only 12 chains. — On present time in consequence of high water, the land frontage is reduced to about 8 chains; whilst 7 chains more taken off No: 6, and added thereto, only makes 15 chains, frontage, as compared with Mr William Brooks, 23 chains frontage: That is, he has got 8 chains, off Lot No: 6, — and 15 chains in No: 7. — which should, and would satisfy a reasonable man. seeing that Jackson is quite satisfied with so much less frontage. — —

Notwithstanding difficulties may have arisen, about the last division of No: 6, — Simon Ray: — — Established by my predecessors: Brooks having a Notice on his hand of intending to retain the entire of No: 6, and No: 7, and of selling his right to No: 4 established last year, in the Entire Ray, — after his causing trouble and vexation. — — —

I saw Mr James McCall, J. Guardian, on the 4th inst, last; at Turkey point, and having learned from him, the true position of Lot No: 6, — in connection with Lots No 5 and 7, — and that Jackson wanted to occupy it as usual, and that the stakes were changed by some person, as to damage and injure Jackson; I instructed Mr McCall verbally, on the 4th of March last to replace the stakes pulled up; so as Brooks should have no undue advantage over Jackson; and on the 9th of March last I wrote Mr McCall, copy of letter marked No: 1, herewith.

In answer to which, I now attach Mr McCall's reply, which is fair, square and reasonable, as between man and man, and more particularly to those two fishermen, more immediately concerned. —

In receipt of your instructions, I went on Saturday last to make myself doubly sure, and make an examination personally of the premises, and I found William Brooks out on the land, and I observed he has more [illegible]

accompanied by the J. McCall. —

them he accepts. — I feel firmly convinced that the arrangement established by my predecessors, which I have adopted; will have still to be strictly adhered to, and I respectfully recommend that the same be favorably received and approved of by you. —

Do you will please observe, after my instructions to the aforesaid Parties were received by him, he went on the ground, taking with him a Surveyors Compass, and established the Lines again; taking the bearings from the east side of Lot No: 7. — which was not disturbed; and having measured off 3 chains on the east side of Lot No: 6. which added to 15 Chains, the frontage of Lot No: 7. the Brooks — now enjoys 23. chains frontage of a good fishing ground to land on, and which I have caused to be staked off to him: — The lines on the east, and on the west end of those 23. chains, are staked off parallel to each other. — —

Last year Brook did not fish on Lot No: 6. a large log in the middle of the ground presented him. — The log is not there now hence why he is opposed to F. Jackson, occupying the west part of No: 6. — And during the year 1830. — he did not occupy No: 6. under a license at all. — In that as regards the west seven chains, licensed by you, for good and substantial reasons, upon my recommendation to F. Jackson, the Brooks, should not now raise any objection, seeing that he was himself a dissenting party to the arrangement, hereto fore established on Lot No: 6. — by my predecessors. — It is very unreasonable for the Brook to suppose that he must have his own way in all things, whilst other fishermen have equal claims, for your consideration. — Jackson told Brooks, he has a license from you. — to fish there, and Brooks replied he knew little; and very bad language and

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was used by him;
thereby and he was not satisfied until he placed on the Station on the fishing ground, which lies the East part of Jackson Bay. —

No license has already been issued to Hawk Jackson, for Station No: 5. and the west part of station No: 6, Inner Bay, Lake Erie, at Turkey point. — It will now be necessary, for the proper Hawk Station to work harmoniously, for you to cancel the licenses, already issued to Hawk, for both No: 5. and 6. Inner Bay, Lake Erie, P. point, and be pleased to issue to him a New License in his stead: viz: Lot No: 7, and 1 chain of the East side of Lot No: 6, in the Inner Bay, Lake Erie, Turkey point, in the Township of Charlottville, County of Norfolk." License fee paid $10. And by so doing, maintain the arrangement established some years ago. —

I recommend that you will be pleased to issue this License to Mr. William Hawk, without delay; and with my profound respect. —

I Have the Honor to be,

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

John White —

Fishery Overseer.

P.S.

When I first met Hawk disagreeable Hawk was; I had no hesitation in recommending the change made in Jackson's license by you. — I wrote to Hawk, to send me back his license for No: 6, — and I would have his license also changed, but instead of doing so; he sent me $5, to apply on Lot. No: 7. — and then refused any about No: 6. —

Lake fishing has been a great success so far this year, at P. point; the great majority of the fish, are taken from there to Buffalo. — Are the fishermen, here and are doing well, and peace, and plenty reigns here, except with Hawk. I fine him a friend". — He has not paid his license fee yet on No: 4, outer bay; $15; L. Erie, P. point. — I always treat him with much consideration from the fact, that he is Lame, &c, &c.

John White J.O.

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Fishery Overseer's Office. —
Hamilton 10. April 1882. —

Sir,

I Have the honor to state for your information, that while at Port Dover on Saturday last, application was made to me by Mr. John S Allen, Pound Net. — Fisherman, in behalf of himself, and the other Pound Net Proprietors, fishing in Lake Erie, Norfolk division; For One Million White fish Fry; the same to be deposited and planted in Lake Erie out in clear water near Port Dover. — (15. Pounds fished.)

Will you be pleased to instruct Mr. James Nash of the Sandwich Hatchery, to bring forward this supply, they will require to be shipped from Hamilton by the Canada Southern Railway, to be only once changed to the Port Dover Railway at the Junction, west of Simcoe. — They would arrive at Port Dover about 7. o'clock. p. m. on the same day shipped, and I can be there to receive them, and have a staff of fishermen in One of the Pound Boats ready to receive them. — —

The Pound Net fishermen of the Norfolk division, are most worthy of your consideration in this matter; and I most respectfully recommend that you will be pleased to comply with the request of the applicants. — Mr. William Wallace, M. P. our esteemed representative for South Norfolk will I am sure be highly delighted to have the wishes of the applicants granted. — And with due respect. —

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
John W Kerr
Fishery Overseer

W. F. Whitaker Esq. M.P.
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa

Oh!

30,000. Salmon shall be put in Grand River above Dunnville and 30,000 shall be put in Shallow Lake, near Owen Sound.

Private & Confidential

Hamilton, Ontario,
10th April 1882.

My dear Sir,

Will you be pleased to apply To, The Hon: The Minister of Marine and Fisheries, for 1.000.000, White fish fry, to be sent from the Sandwich Hatchery to Lake Erie, at Port Dover.—

Also to have 30.000, Trout fry, sent from the Newcastle Hatchery to Port Dover, and planted in Lake Erie.—

By doing this you will do a very much to your Political popularity amongst our fishermen, and besides enables me to be of some service to you

I have written officially, and made application to the Fisheries department, to the same effect myself.—Mr John S. Allen and I, talked this matter over at Port Dover, Saturday last; please apply at once.—

Mr Wallace has left for Ottawa, to attend the House of Commons.

Yours respectfully,
H. W. Karn. J. Carson.

Immediate!

My dear Bill,

Come here at once, except, to go on to Port Dover,—to situation with Mr John S. Allen, Pound Net Proprietor.———

Salary $20. per month, and your Board to begin with.—

You are wanted immediately, for to mend Nets, and get things all ready for fishing.—

Three trains, pass Hamilton, to Port Dover,—Every day.——

Answer me at once.——

Yours, &c.
H. W. Karn.
J. Carson,
Hamilton, Ont.
11. April 1882.

Mr William Hand,
Fisherman,—
Wilsons, Ont.

Fishery Overseer's office.—
Hamilton, 10. April 1882.—

Sir

In obedience to your instructions, I met Mr. James Mervin, of the Sandwich Hatchery, at the 5. p. m. Thursday last, Train from the west for Sus: Bridge.... He had 33. Cans, containing 1.500.000. White fish fry; consigned as Mr. Mervin told me, by your order to me.—

Mr. Mervin had an Assistant with him, and my Son Edward, aided them in Lowering the water on the fry during the short time the Train stopped at Hamilton.— I invited Judge Sinclair, into the Express Car, to see the fry, he expressed his astonishment.— and Mr. D. M. Chisholm, and other gentlemen, when saw them done the same.—

I accompanied Mr. Mervin, his Assistant, and the fry, to the Bridge, and the fry transhipped to the Niagara Train; and when this Train reached Niagara; he were met at the Station there, by Messrs. Thos: Elliot, Albert Ball, Charles Ball, John Keith, and John W. Alford— fishermen; who took charge of the fry, and planted them out in the Niagara River, on Nos: 3. and No: 4. fishing stations.— The fry were in good lively Condition.— A small portion of fry, was Kept, for to show to the public and fishermen....

And now in Conclusion I have to warmly thank you, in behalf of the Fishermen of Niagara, for your very Kind Consideration of them in this matter...

As for myself, I hope I shall still live on, and in a few years more be able again to report on the success-ful results of your efforts in this behalf.—

And with profound respect, I have the Honor to be,
Sir
Your Obedient Servant,

John W. Kerr,
F. Overseer,

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries
Ottawa,

Fishery Overseers office. —
Hamilton. 10. April 1882. —

Sir.

I have the honor to send you herewith, Bank draft No: 575. for the sum of Ten dollars. — —

Will you be pleased to apply this amount, for this current year, on licence fees, as follows: —

1. James Overholt, Charlottenville; For Seine hauling licence to fish in Inner Bay, Lake Erie, west of the St. Williams Harbour, which is in the Township of Walsingham, already received and delivered. $ 5. 00.

2. Wilson Wells, of Charlottenville. For a Boat licence for to fish Hooks and lines, in front of Station, No: 8, deep hole point, for Sturgeon, in the Outer Bay of Lake Erie, at Turkey point. amount is only, $ 3. 00.

3. Wilson Wells, do, For a licence to spear fish, in the Inner Marsh, of Turkey point, Lake Erie, from 1st of November 1881, to the 15. April 1882. amount is only. — $ 1. 00.

4. Philip Wells. — do. — do. do. do. — 1. 00.

Total $ 10. 00.

Will you please send me licence No: 2, and insert the protesting clauses therein. I have managed the spearing licenses myself. —

And with due respect,

I have the Honor to be,
Sir. —
Your Obedient Servant.
Jobiel Wickett
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa. — =

private!-

Hamilton, Ont.
10. April 1882.

My dear Mr Whitaker. - -

Yours of the 5th instant, I received on Saturday night on my return home here from Turkey point, with $15, dollars. Today I went down town, paid for the Wine, and you will have it by Express I hope on to-morrow morning. - I also sent you by Express two Turkeys; - as I said in my Telegraph to you today, take your choice, and will you be so good as to hand the other turkey to Mr Bansat, with my kind wishes, and respects. - I am really sorry to hear of his indisposition. I hope and trust to hear soon of his perfect recovery. - I intended to have sent you the Turkeys for your Easter Sunday dinner; but as you will agree with me, I failed from being otherwise busily employed in accomplishing it. - The arrival of the Fry, on 5 p. m. train on Thursday, off to Niagara, back on Friday only in time to commence with Pat down Ny; presented me: Then on Saturday last up at 2, a. m, started at 3, a, m, for Turkey point, St Williams and Grassy point, home here at 9. p. m. on Saturday night after driving, boating and railway, 95 miles, - Hence why your Turkey's were delayed. - This last Cargo of White fish Fry - is the Grandest thing of the season! - They are the talk of the country all over. - - I met Mr Plumb, M. P. at Railway Station here, and reported to him the arrival of the Fry, - at Niagara Falls; - I came in contact with him again, and after we had handshook the Fry - I sat with him to the Town of Niagara. I have my report ready, in reply to Brooks Telegraph; but I will not send it to you until tomorrow. - - Brooks has no just cause of Complaint. I have seen no White fish except Fry, since I sent you 2, for Mrs W, - I am always so glad to hear from you, Mrs W, - and Family; and with kind regards to you all. - As usual, - Yours Faithfully

Memo.

My dear Mr Webster. - -

Copies of the enclosure

I received on Saturday night on my return
home here Dear Sir Percy Smith # 12 address.
Leaf I sent down from Paris for the Misses Cun-
ynghame with them Photos I take on the
previous morning. - I also sent you by Ja-
mes Cunthorpe; - as I hear in my let-
ter of the 4th inst. that you desire you
will you be so good as to have the other
sent to Mr Bennett with my thanks
and respects. - I am really sorry to hear
of his indisposition. I hope you find it has
been of his perfect recovery. - I intended to
have sent you the Curtsy for your Master
Bunbury dinner; but as you will expect with
me, I prefer you being Christmas Sunday
in accomplishing it. - The evening of the 4th -
5th inst. I am to attend. At the Wingrove.
Aunt on Friday only in this to remain

Memo.
10. Sept. 1883.

with Dr dear Mr Bennett me: Mrs -
Bunbury Aunt up at 2 a.m. starts at 3 a.m.
for Sunday Point. Mr Williams our Agency Point
here at 9 p.m. or Returning night after
dinning. Posting our Indiana Pacific - three
of your Sunday mere changes. - This last
Tuesday of White Pigeon - is the Agreement thing
of the season !- Stay are the talk of the country
side now. - I met Mr Blunt, M.P. at Mulberry
Station here, and requested to him the removal
of the Sol - at Whitegrove Gable; - I have in Instant
with him again, and after me that Monday is the
Sol - I sent with him to the Grove of Whitegrove.
I have my report ready in reply to Mrs the Col=
ongh; but I wish not send it to you until
tomorrow. - - Mrs the no first cause of Complaint.
I have been no Notice Sol except Mr. since I last
you. I perhaps Mr. - I am obliged to you to
have you, Mr. - our Family, and with kind
respects to you ever. - Ever sincerely.

Copy.-

Mr J. W. Skerr. St Williams,

Dear Sir, March 22, 1882.-

Your letter of the 9th instant, to hand.- You will please excuse my delay, as I could not get matters arranged before.--

I was down to Turkey point on last Wednesday, the 15th instant, to see Mr Snook, and Jackson, and find out, when they would be in the Bay fishing, so that I could arrange the line between them, but Mr Snook was sick, not able to be out.- So I told Jackson to let me know when they would be there, and I would come down; so he did! About a week after the first time, I went down, but Mr Snook was not there, his men were just leaving to go home; so I went on and staked about Half of No: 6, off to Jackson, or 7 Chains.-- I told Jackson to tell Snook, I had been there and what I had done.--- Now as regards No: 5, more than half of it, is under water, the water being very high this spring, depriving Mr Jackson of about One half of his ground as it is.- Two years ago, this spring Mr Bingham sent me down to arrange this same line between Nos. 6, and Nos 5, which was mutually agreed to, by Snook and Jackson.- There being a Jast on the north side of No: 6,- I set the stakes to range with that Jast, giving Jackson, that portion of No: 6,- on to No: 5, as Snooks could not use it, as it was on that account.--- Last spring 1880 Charles Ferris, went on No: 6,- and took out this Jast, then Snook fell to the old line, as it was in the first place.- Snooks has always held those two grounds in that way, paying only $5. for the two grounds.-

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I dont think Mr Snook, should find any fault with what has been done, as he has 23 chains now, to Jackson's 15 chains. — And if it had not been done, Jackson would have to throw up his ground altogether. — Snook told me himself, if you, and Jackson had come to him, and asked him, he would have been willing to let Jackson, have a part of No: 6. — rather than have his (Jacksons) ground spoiled. — Now I think this explanation is quite satisfactory, or I hope it will be to you, and the department. — I think your instructions was just in this matter between both parties, and the only thing that could be done between man and man. —

Yours truly. —
Jas: W. McCabe. —
Jr Guardian, —

J. W. Kerr, —
Jr Engineer, —
Hamilton.

Memorandum for the Commissioner —

On the 1st of March last, when at T, point, Jackson and Snook, represented to me the condition of these lots now in dispute. — I pencilled them on No: 5. licence, granted to Jackson that he could have west ½. of No: 6, — and for which he had them found # 10. — and at Snooks request. I called at his House got from his wife. licence for No: 6, — and I pencilled on his licence, he was to have also No: 7. — and the ½ remaining of No: 6, — But as he wanted another lot, No: 8. licenced to Charles Ferris, hence I suppose Mr Snooks. — Telegraph. — J. W. Kerr —
Jnr Engineer.

Hamilton, Ont.
10. April 1882.

Copy.—

Myldear McCall.—

Will you be pleased to give me all particulars of the division made by you, of a part of Lot No 6— in the Dover Bay, as between Frank Jackson, on Lot No: 5, and Snooks on Nos: 6 and 7.—at Point de Grass, and if the division made by you was Satisfactory, and adhered to, and enjoyed by Snook and Jackson and all concerned.—And please give me the reason why it became necessary for you to stake off part of No: 6, to Jackson, with all of No: 5.—

As I, myself understand this matter, the west part of No: 5 is under water, and in hauling to and this the late J.A. Packhouse, made a division Lines occupied by Snook and Jackson.—Row over to point de grass, at once, and report to me immediately how the position of No: 5, is at present, if any part of it, is now under water, or if it can be hauled on, without going on to that part of No: 6.— you staked off to No: 5.—

In haste,— Yours. &c.—

J.W. Kerr,
P. Overseer.—
Hamilton, Ont.
9. March 1882.—

Jas. W. McCall,
P. Guardian,—
St. Catharines.—

Hamilton, Ont.
11. April 1882.

My dear Alderson.

"Yours of the 10th instant received.- "You had better see Frank Jackson, and if you and he agree between yourselves: to a Transfer of the license from him to you for this current year; I shall have no objection, neither shall I raise an objection to your getting them.-

But you must bear in mind that you will get a Big thing of it; when he transfers this license to you.- And you must also bear in mind that in treating with the Fisheries department in the first place last season; I had insurmountable difficulties before me; and with the cause of a poor but honest fisherman, dealing as I was with that most honorable man; the Commissioner of Fisheries; my task became a pleasant one; - - althó' glorious at first, and surrounded by a Net work of obstacles: for had it been your own cause, I had in hand, instead of Jackson's I could never have succeeded; the opposition to the application from Jackson, getting the getting the grounds, was so stiff, and was pushed with such preponderance; Calmly consider and view this matter; and you must agree with me in all I say. ——

In any settlement arrived at, between you, and Jackson, my only desire in the premises is: that you act honorable to a man who in the first place trusted you in all things; fighting for you a battle, and winning it; all for your benefit alone. - Be down here by the first Train on tomorrow "Wednesday", morning yourself and Jackson, and I will endeavour to satisfactorily fix matters between you. — "Yours &c.

John W. Kerr
Fishery Overseer.

W. M. Alderson, Esq.
Port Dover.

Hamilton. Sept 11. 1883.

My dear Children.

Upon the receipt of the enclosed document, I felt that I was not to expose between yourselves: it is a transfer of the house from him to you for this present year; I think I have no objection, neither should I raise an objection to your getting them.

But you must bear in mind that you will get a big thing of it; when he transfers the house to you. But you must bear in mind that in starting with the Christmas department in the first place last season; I had numerable difficulties before me: amongst the cause of a poor but truest gathering, dealing as I was with that most treacherable man: the Commissioner of Customs: my last season a pleasant one; I

will do all I can to get you a good start: but remember, I have in front, mixtures of troubles & trouble more than succeeded; the opposition to the application from brothers, getting the better of opponents, was a little out of the way: but I have

Memorandum for Mr. Barnett.

As you will find by my report sent today, you will please find - Snook has no grounds for complaint" - He has however separate licences for Station Nos: 6. and for Station Nos: 7,- whilst Jackson has one licence, which includes all Station Nos: 5, and the west part of Nos: 6,- Hence why I could not settle the business on the spot. - Instead of referring back to you for settlement. - At ½ past 4, a. m. I met two Jacks, with 15 Barrels of fish, on Saturday morning at Hohmandale on their way to the Ry station at Seniesa, for Buffalo, U.S. The fishing has been splendid, fish in great abundance; Six Seines fishing in the Inner Bay, and two Seines in Outer Bay, when I was there. Will you be pleased to let me have the corrected licence for Snook as soon as possible. - I am very sorry under

to hear from Mr. Whitelaw that you are not very well; you had better take a Trip up here; I will pilot you round, besides I will introduce you to the Doctor, who cured me. - I hope you will receive your Turkey all right. -

And believe me Faithfully and Obediently. - Yours Obediently

J. Wickett. -

J. Cameron

Hamilton, Ont.o

11 April 1882.

Hamilton, Sept 5th
1883.

Dear Sir

Please send me Pamphlet on
Electricity. —

Yours obediently
J. Emerson

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Hamilton, Ontario.
11. April 1882.

My dear McCalla. -

Many thanks for the copy of your letter of March 22d. -- I have made out my report and sent it off today. -- --

There has been no license issued for fishing Gill Nets; nor has Mr Owen Bowers applied to me for one. -- On receipt of this, go immediately to Big Creek, and any Gill Nets you may find set therein, or in any other waters; you will [illegible] report to me at once. [illegible] I send you two [illegible] Notices. - Give one to each bona fide licensed fisherman, and post up the balance, that the general public may know the law. - I mean licensed fishermen of L. Erie. -

I know I will depend upon you to [illegible]

in this Gill Net business! - Don't fail to go at once, and go cunningly about it. -

Ascertain from Mr D. A. McCalla, where it was, he saw those Gill Nets drying. -

As Close season will commence at 12, Midnight, next Saturday, be on the alert. Observe not a Single bird of any kind be taken under the Act.

I will send spearing license for Nelson Wells, and Philip Wells on tomorrow, but you must tell them, that no more spearing is permitted in L. Point - marsh after next Saturday; until the 1st of next November. - And you will see that this is strictly observed. -

Every thing must depend upon your activity and dexterious in capturing those illegal Gill nets, - about increasing division!

Yours truly. -
J. W. Kerr -
Fishery Overseer.

Mr Jas: McCalla,
P. Inspector.
St Ville

Hamilton, Ontario
11. März 1885.

Mein lieber N. Adam. -

Many thanks for the kind
& open letter of March 22nd. I have more
not just now but it will follow. - - -

Yes, we have been on Indiana business for quite
a while; for the last three months. Our
friend Mr. Wm. Hendrie, the President of the
Provincial Exhibition, was with us, and
helped us not a little. - - - He is a man
much of means, and his aid was
very valuable. I have also made
Exhibition. - Yes we do want Indiana
Exhibition, and that very soon, for
then, that the general public may
know the law. - I mean Indiana Exhibi-
tion of 1885 now. -

Now I will explain why we do

in this Exhibition! - Don't fail to at-
tend, dear Mr. Cummings about it. - -
Remember from Mr. C. Hendrie, when
we, he have three Exhibitions during. -

We have been well represented at the
Provincial Exhibition. We are glad
Others not a single Exhibitor of our Music &
Famous Industries in the Province.

I will have exhibiting Pianos for Indian
Wells, and Other Indian Industries, but
you must take them, that we may explain
why it happened in Indiana. - Mr. Cummings
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Charlottesville, Va. April 18 1882.

Mr. Wilson Wells,

Dear Sir,

Please issue me a Spearing License, for the ensuing season, which expires on the 1st day of March next, and oblige

Yours truly,

Geo. Loyd.

Spearing License.—

Mr Wilson Wells,—
Charlottesville,—

Issued on the 1st day of April 1882.—

Clerk of Court.

Bear License.—

Mr Geo. W. Lewis,
Fort Colbourn.—

Issued on 11th day of April 1882.

Fishery Overseers office.
Hamilton. 11. April 1882.-

Sir.

I have now the honor to send you Copy of letter, I have just received from Mr. John Davidson of Guelph, renewing his application for White fish fry, promised more than a year ago, but overlooked last spring.-

I have much pleasure in recommending that Mr. Davidson's application be now granted to the extent of whatever Mr. Samuel Wilmot, who is made aware by me, some short time ago; everything about Euclid Lake. Yr.- Yr.- Yr.- can afford to send there; say 20.000. White fish fry; 20.000. Salmon Trout fry, and 5,000. Speckled Trout fry.— And with due respect, I have the Honor to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

John W. Kerr.-

Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa.- -

Copy.—

Guelph.-
April 10. 1882.—

J. W. Kerr Esqre
Fishery Overseer.
Hamilton.

Dear Sir.

I see by the papers that White fish, have been placed in Lake Ontario; how soon may I expect to have them placed in Euclid Lake. I trust it will not be left out this year.—

Yours. Yr.—

John Davidson.—

"Fishery Overseer's Office.—
Hamilton, 12. April 1882.—

Sir.

I am in receipt of a Telegraph from Niagara: "Thus! J. W. Kerr, 11. April 1882, Overseer, Hamilton,—

Come this evening if possible, or by first train tomorrow.—

"Francis Ellis."

I am not aware at present what is the matter there; I presume it may be, that John Bolton, "Fisherman", has done something to prevent Ellis' Davis fishing on No: 3. station, Niagara River; for I just heard today Ellis had commenced last Saturday to fish there.—

I shall go down there this afternoon, to ascertain, what the fuss is all about.—

It is most surprising to me, how some people are determined always to be contrary, and without any real cause.—

Read with due respect,

I have the Honor to be,
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant,
John W. Kerr.—
"Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitaker Esqre III
Commissioner of Fisheries,—
Ottawa.—

P.S. I have already heretofore recently written you about No: 3. Fishing Station; in Niagara River,
J. W. Kerr.—

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Hamilton, Ont.o
12. April 1882.

Mr. Low Esq.

I am in receipt of your letter sending me ten dollars, to pay licenses for Six dip Nets, and for four Spearing licenses:- This amount, I shall send to the Fisheries department today.. I wish to remind you that close season for Bass, pickerel and Muskinonge, commence at 12. o'clock on next Saturday night, and will end at 12. o'clock. p.m. on the 14th. of May next, during which all dip Net, and Spearing must terminate.— When at St. Williams on last Saturday. I was informed dip net fishing was being then carried on for Miles up Big Creek, hunt up for the rest of the dollars.— And spearing then too, is very small: However it must all end on Saturday next, and 1st. of November next.— Remember this!..—

"You have no authority, neither have I— to allow Mr. Crouse, to leave his license ground, and go on to a ground, where neither he, nor any one else has had a license.. So long as you deviate from this rule,— you may expect to be t[illegible] o'[illegible]. — It appears by your sensational letters to me, that notoriety is coming to the surface too often.. all you have to do, is to despatch Procunier's gill net to me, by Express, wrapped up care= fully, and to my address.— If You rely upon my advice, you will not go wrong.— You have the fishery Law, for your guide, go by it. Except un= der license you cannot fish a Fyke net, No! not even for one night, and you know just as well as I do, that no one, but the Minister can issue licenses for to fish.— But I have heard that some person has been fishing fyke nets, and gill nets in Big Creek.— And I have a letter,

(2.)

Hamilton, Bermuda
12. Oktober 1883.

Mein lieber Sohn!

Dein Brief vom 1. d. M. ist mir richtig zugekommen, und ich habe mich sehr darüber gefreut, daß Du Dich so gut in Deine neuen Verhältnisse hineinzufinden scheinst. Ich wünsche, daß Du Dich auch ferner darin wohl befinden mögest, und daß Du Deine Pflichten gegen Deine Vorgesetzten, wie gegen Deine Kameraden stets gewissenhaft erfüllen mögest. Dann wirst Du Dir auch die Liebe und Achtung Aller erwerben, und Deine Zukunft wird eine glückliche sein. Ich habe Dir ja schon oft gesagt, daß Du Dich nur immer an Deine Vorgesetzten wenden kannst, wenn Du irgend einen Rath oder Beistand brauchst, und daß Du Dich nicht zu scheuen brauchst, Dich an mich zu wenden, wenn Du mir irgend etwas mitzutheilen hast, was Dir Sorge macht. Ich bin Dir ja immer gern behülflich, soweit es in meinen Kräften steht, und Du kannst Dich darauf verlassen, daß ich Dir nicht eher Ruhe lassen werde, bis ich Dir geholfen habe, wenn Du mich darum bittest. Ich habe Dir ja schon oft gesagt, daß Du Dich nicht zu fürchten brauchst, mir Deine Sorgen mitzutheilen, und ich bitte Dich, mir auch ferner Alles zu schreiben, was Dir Sorge macht, damit ich Dir helfen kann

I received on last Monday evening, to say; "I saw a Net hung up to dry on the bank of Big Creek."—

Have you seized any Gill Net, but Provenniers?— It has been communicated to me that you seized a second Gill Net.— and that several were being Gilled; You must be more on the alert than you have been if this is the case!.— I had no time, or I would have appriced you of my coming up last Saturday. I got my Orders, went to Niagara, and returned only in time to catch Dr. down train on Friday evening.— I was St. Williams before 7. a.m. on Saturday morning.— Set up at Night, and despatch the Net from St. Williams to me by the stage, and dont blow about it, after you have done so!.— As usual.—

Yours Sincerely.—

Chas. Bowers Esq.
P. Guardian.—
Port Royal.—

J. W. Kerr.—
F. Overseer.

Memorandum,— for Mr. Bowers,—

"You will find by this days Mail, Spearing licenses for:- Viz.
1, Samuel Rousseau,
2. Henry Osborne.—
3. Henry Procunier.— and,
4. Clinton Procunier.— all of the Township of Walsingham, which you will deliver.--- "There is no Spearing permitted between the 15th day of April, and the 1st of November following; in any year.— "You must know this! why then ask for a license for the year 1882.— Knowing it will not be granted.--

John W. Kerr,—
Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton, Ont.
12. April 1882.—

Fishery Overseer's Office ...
Hamilton, 12. April 1882. —.

Sir.

I Have the honor to send you Bank draft No: for the sum of Thirteen dollars. —

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as License fees; for this current year; Viz as follows: —

1. Samuel F. Pearce, — Cat Colborne: - For a Seine hauling license, already received and delivered. $3.00,
2. Henry Osborne, Walsingham: For a Spearing license in Ice Boat, to spear fish in the Inner Bay, Lake Erie, Big Marsh and Big Creek, from 1st of March 1881, to the 15th day of april 1882. — 1.00,
3. Samuel Rousseau, - do, do, do, 1.00,
4. Henry Procunier, - do, do, do, 1.00,
5. Clinton Procunier, - do, do, do, 1.00.-
6. Eugene Rousseau, Walsingham, For a dip Net license, to fish in Big Creek, township of Walsingham; day from 1st Day of January, to the 15th day of april 1882. — $1.00,
7. Egerton Willis, - do, do, do, 1.00.
8. Jeff Cadogan, - do, do, do, 1.00,
9. Ellis Fisk. — do, do, do. 1.00,
10 John Southgate, - do. do, do, - 1.00,
11. Frank La Fortune, do. do, do. - 1.00.

Total. $13.00

Will you be pleased to issue licenses immediately for the Dip Nets, which I recommend for your consideration. - The spearing licenses, I will attend to myself, - and please insert Saturday night clause in each dip net license. — And with due respect. —

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir.
Your Obedient Servant.
John W. Kerr.
Fishery Overseer.

J. P. Whitcher Esq
Commissioner of Fisheries
Ottawa. —

Private!

My dear John S.—

Your telegraph received, I wrote the young man on yesterday.— I am off to Niagara again this evening.— I have applied for 1.000.000. White fish fry, and 30.000. Salmon Trout fry. being sent to Port dover, for distribution in Lake Erie,— I have connected your name with the applica= tion thus; "Application was made to me by Mr. John [illegible] on behalf of [illegible] Proprietors, for [illegible] tion for 1.000,000, White fish fry, and 30.000. Salmon Trout fry.— The same to be planted in Lake Erie, out in about water near Port dover, &c. &c. &c. &c."

I also wrote to Mr. Wallace M. P. on the same subject, and I added in my letter to him thus; "By doing this, you will lend every encouragement to your Political friendship

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amongst our fishermen, and besides enable me to be of some service to you".—

I also said to him; "Mr. John S. Allan, and I, talked this matter over at Port dover, on Saturday last; please apply at once".—

On my way to Jarvis in the Train, I told Murray Alderson, I had applied, and got up Excuse for Frank Jackson for Pounds again!— he appeared to be surprised, or pretended to be so; Unless Jackson and he smooth over old sores, I dont think Jackson, ought to transfer the Licence to Alderson; I, as you and I talked; prefer to give the young fellow somebody on Murray, who is Scaley. I had a letter from Alderson on yesterday, who tells me if he does not get the licence by Saturday next, he will have Mr. Charleton, M. P. bring the matter up in the House of Commons, Ottawa; let Mr. Alderson rip,— I am pre= pared for him; and will open all your eyes, if I read to it.— I have however, given him a Chance to arrange with

Mr. Thomas!

Mr. Thomas!

Mr. Thomas!

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Jackson: in the mean time; and whatever arrangement is made between them must be in black and white. --

If you see Jackson, you may say to him, I want to see him, but I will not be home here after today, until Saturday. He can come down here, and stop over Sunday. ——

And with kind regards ——

Yours fraternally,
John W. Kerr
Hamilton, Ont.

John S. Allan Esqre 12. April 1882.
Post Doctor.
Ont.

Gentlemen: In the mean time; our watchful management is made between the most be in Heart our wish. ---

Yours for Gentlemen. yours truly for him. I must to see him, but I will not be home here after today. until Saturday. We can come down here, our stop our Journey. ——
Our with Kind regards ——
Yours Sincerely.
Abraham Lincoln
Lincoln. Dec.
To. Allen Esq
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"Fishery Overseers office.—
Hamilton, 15. April 1882.—

Sir,

I have the Honor to send you Bank draft No: 601. for the sum of Fifteen dollars.——

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows for year 1882, and year 1881. as License fees; as given herewith:—

1. Patrick Stand, Winona; On account of Boat license for year 1882, already received and delivered;—.... $ 5.00.
2. Thomas Reid, Grantham. On account of Boat license received for year 1881, and delivered:—$ 5.00.
3. John Stand, Grimsby, On account of Boat license received, and delivered for year past 1881.—$ 5.00.

Total. $ 15.00.

And with due respect,

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant,
John W. Kerr.—
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa.——

Fishery Overseer's Office.
Hamilton, 15. April 1882.—

Sir

I have the honor to report for your information that on Thursday last, at Niagara, I was called on by Edward Wootton, a licensed fisherman, this year for the first time; in a very impertinent way for to come and establish a boundary he had fixed between himself and James Bartmell; whilst Bartmell, applied to me to establish the boundary that he had fixed between himself and Wootton. — —

I believe if Ontario, was searched from end to end; two more arbitrary, overbearing individuals could not be found amongst our fishermen; such insults, and threats and bad language as I was obliged to put up with. I was only too glad to escape from a scene of blasphemy. Ne'er to meet with amongst fishermen by me in my daily avocation amongst them.

As I recommended to you in a former report, it would become necessary for me, when I went on the ground to settle boundary, an — plant stakes; I had Mr Albert Bale, a respectable fisherman along with me, together with the litigants. — Mr Bale on a former occasion, pointed out to myself about the place where the west end of Bartmells ground was; and whilst Bartmell was in his anxiety, had gone so much further west, so as to shut out Wootton altogether from having a seine hauling ground at all! Wootton, on the other hand had gone so much more east, on from the west of Bartmells ground; Wootton it appears fishes on the ground last year for Bartmell. — As Wootton and Bartmell were both interested parties

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Commissioner of Fisheries
Ottawa. — — —

it was agreed by them; that Allen Bell, was to point out to me, about the place the Western boundary of Cautwells Seine hauling ground No: 13, in Lake Erie, township of Stamford; should be: and the Bells having done so; I exercised the privilege devolving upon me, by sub section 11, of Section No: 18 — and sub section 5. of Section No: 18. of the Fisheries Act; and I determined and settled the same accordingly. —

I may here mention for your information that there is about 150 yards of the east side of Cautwells ground, a large extent of which is not so difficult for him to haul upon. — It is next to where he does haul. —

I would therefore respectfully recommend that you will be pleased to approve of my establishing the boundary between Seine hauling grounds Nos. 13, and 14. — as now marked and staked by me. —

Then as regards the western limits of Worthens ground; No: 14; and the eastern limits of Allans Seine hauling ground No: 15. — I was obliged to take a few yards from Allans ground No: 15, and give the same to Worthens No: 14; so as if possible to satisfy Worthen. Knowing at the same time as I do, that so trifling a distance will not effect Allans Seine fishing in any way, to hurt or impede Allans fishing. — Were such a case, as Richard Allen, raised, he would take up Worthen, if he attempted to fish on the part of what he called his ground No: 15, he would take him up, and have him fined; I advised Allen, not to do so. — I may here state for your information, that the west side of No: 15. Station, is similar to east side of Cautwells No: 13, station, it is never fished upon; so that the Allans can afford to move as many yards west, as I have given to Worthen of the east side of their station No: 15.

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and which I now recommend may be approved of and sanctioned by you. - - -

In addition, I may here take the liberty of stating for your information, that the staking off these herring grounds finally, now in dispute, is a duty, I have still to perform. - - -

I do really think, that it would be advisable, to have all these herring grounds staked off, by a Surveyor who would make a sketch of the grounds, mark.... the distance of each ground, on said sketch; and the correct bearings of the boundary line between each. -

Pardon me for trespassing, at such length, and with much respect. —

I Have the Honor to be,

Sir, —

Your Obedient Servant,

H. L. Wilkes

J. Cameron

P.S. Norton was satisfied with the arrangement, I made for him; - Bardwell's Crew, said to him, after I established the boundary between Stations, No: 13. and No: 14. - that in going out and home with the lines they never crossed all the ground, on the west side of Station No: 13 - I Mean the line Bardwell!!. -

Respectfully, Yours, &c. —

H. L. Wilkes —

J. Cameron

N.B. There was necessary change of limits - that will do no harm to either Norton or Bardwell. —

J. W. ...

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My dear Bowers.—

I send you by Mail today.- Licences for the following persons; which you will please deliver to each person for whom intended; but then those licences will be of no use now, for the remainder of this year, as the term for which they are granted expires to day, Sep.t 30th

1. John Countryman, Walsingham a licence for to fish a dip Net in Big Break until 15th April 1892 —
2. Frank La Fortune, do,- do.—
3. Eugene Rousseau.— do,- do.—
4. Louis Fick.- do,- do,- do.—
5. Jefferson Cadogan do.- -do.-
6. Egerton Willis - do.- -do.—

As close season for Bass, Pickerel and Muskanonge will commence on tomorrow Sunday.— You will have

to use your best efforts, for to prevent Contraventions of the Fisheries act.— and if any person violates the Law, they must be prosecuted and fined.—

Now as regards Bill Smiths Seine, you will keep it until after the termination of the close season.— Then perhaps, I may recommend him for to have it given back, the Law was made for rich and poor.— However! we must prosecute him or Brown just now.— Take good care of the 90 yard Seine.— and put it away dry, and safe, and in a secure place. In case Smith is arraigned, his big children and wife might be taken into consideration, but the Seine must be confiscated, see Section 16. of the act.- and sub section 4, of Section 16.— and Sub section 2, of Section 18. of the Fisheries act.— I am Kept very busy now, running around, and as close season for Bass, Pike, &c now just setting in,—

1 Sixmile.

Mr Nelson Wells —
Forrestville P.O. —
Township Charlottenville
Ont.

Mailed on
15. April 1882.

6 Sixmile.

Owen Bowers Esqre
J.P. Guardian. —
Port Royal. —
Ont.

Mailed on
15. April 1882.

Hamilton, Ont.
17. April 1892.

My dear Gilchrist,

Yours of 31st ultimo, was duly received on receipt of which I wrote to Jewell, informing him of your accommodating proposal, but it was only on Friday last, I heard from him, and he declined to accept your kind offer. In his letter to me, he mentions that the day after he received my note intimating to him your kind proposal; you called with a licence; and no doubt he then explained to you; what it was that prevented him accepting your kind proposal. I think you must kindly for your proposition to give my fisherman a licence place in the gutters in your division. Then I shall take the earliest opportunity of making the matter known to them. -

succeeded in shipping 33. Cans of White fish fry, from the Sandwich Hatchery for Niagara: 1.500.000. Nevin called them. - I don't know if you ever heard or known that White fish take bait, small minnows, for instance! well they do! so that small shell fish are no longer their special food, neither are they confined to the salmon, and trout shell fish exclusively!!. Several white fish, when opened and cleaned, by Mr. Thomas Elliot, a fisherman at Niagara, have had an abundance of small fry, in their stomachs; and I suppose you have heard of our great Sturgeon fishing with Hooks and lines during the past winter in St. River, and Lake Ontario, near Niagara. - 300. Barrels of Sturgeon, dressed, have been caught and shipped daily by train to Buffalo, U.S. for which the fishermen received $2 a pound. - But now comes a mystery for me to take you; One Wade, in fishing for sturgeon, caught two white fish, on sturgeon

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Can or about the 1st day of July 1862
I promised to pay Robt Nest of the Town of
Niagara or Order The sum of Thirty Dollars for
Value received

Hamilton Sept
18th August 1862

John Wilkes
Sidney Green

Hamilton, Ontario;—

My dear Mr. Elliot.

You will please
find herewith, a twenty dollar Bills No: D.
10056.—"Bank of Montreal",—and signed
G. H. King, President.——

This amount you will pay over to
Mr. Robert Reat, of Niagara, in part pay-
ment of lot and premises occupied by
Mr. Purcell, a pensioner from the Royal
Canadian Rifles; as Tenant.— The pre-
mises is part of Lot Forty Niagara,
for the balance of the purchase money.
I endorse to you my Note for thirty
sovereigns, payable to Mr. Robert Reat or
about the 14th day of July next.—

Will you be pleased to make out
a deed for the transfer of the premises from
Mr. Reat, to me; you might do it on
the document he receives from

Mr. Caffrey,— and if Mr. Reat, has in his
possession, any document from Government
you may as well get it from him.———

Then you will have to get Mr. Purcell,
because my Tenant, transferred from Mr.
Reat, with the property to me.— I be-
lieve when you have done all this!
I must be satisfied.— Except another cold,
I am as usual.— Gilbert, cleared $80. dol-
lars, a prize- last Month, amongst four, by
Genie Gibling, in 20. Miles front.— Do not
this, splendid Gibling!— We are all well, and
Emily, desires me to warmly thank Jemy,
for the Card;— and with Kind regards,—

Yours Sincerely,—
John Kerr.
Hamilton, C.W.
7. April 1852.

Mr. Thomas Elliot,
Niagara.—
C.W.

My dear Sir, -

I hope you will pardon me for troubling you; the subject matter however will I trust be to you my sufficient excuse. - In the Township of Nelson, in the County of Halton, your own constituency, not far from the village of Waterdown, there is a small spring water Lake, of great depth in one place, containing 55 acres. - While you be pleased to apply to the Hon: the Minister of Marine and Fisheries to have some Salmon Trout fry planted there, from the Pleasantville Hatchery. - At present some fish such as the fish, sparkled trout, are fish are in the pond. - A living stream runs entirely through. - I am sure that Board of your Constituents will be delighted and pleased at your

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success in this matter. -

The fry, if sent will be met at the Waterdown Station, of the Hamilton and Toronto Branch of the G. W. Ry - by Mr Thomas Stock, and conveyed free of expense, to the Lake, and planted. -

The Lake is named Pleasant. - Lake Pleasant". - And with profound respect,

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

W. H. Stock

Fishery Overseer

Hamilton, Ont.

7. April 1882.

The Hon.

William Alex Ranger,

M. P. for No. 1. Div.

House of Commons, -

Ottawa. -

Niagara, Ontario
17. April 1882.

My dear Mr. Blank.-

I was in Niagara, all day, on Thursday last, and as a matter of importance got abundance of abuse from Mr. Jem, Worton, and Dick Allan.- They all want their own way; so far as the fishing stations are concerned - Mr. Jem tries to persuade Worton up, so that he would have no place to fish in; whilst Allan - was bound to prevent Worton, having a few yards of the Allan ground; of no earthly use to them.- I have arranged the matter satisfactorily to Worton.- I got Albert Ball, an honest sound good Conservative, who knew the western boundary of Mr. Jem's ground, and fished on it, & point it out to me; and I then exercised a little of my own Judgement, and I arranged the grounds accordingly, and

I sent my report for the adoption, by the P. department, accordingly.- if you had time you might call in and see it in Mr. Whitcher's office, I do think you will approve of what I have done in the premises. I can do no more at all events!.- As in the fisheries, so it is in the Government land of Niagara, every one in Niagara; has a claim, if plunder is to be got out of it.- Well of course Mr. Robert Best, has been to see you, so you already can guess what is coming: I have bought out Mr. Best, for $ 50,- and Mr. Purcell, a pensioner, who resides on that lot, becomes my tenant, at $ 12, rent a year, and he pays taxes.- He must get him a vote!- Reilly, left the Fort altogether last year, and handed it over to a man named Wright, who now occupies it, and a field owned by Canada Southern Ry. Company,- I have engaged Elliot, to sell Wright, and I will pay him $ 100 whatever he has himself paid for pleasing him

Hamilton, Ont.
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My dear Harry,

I received your letter, and I had one from Winfield Scott, of Lewiston - U. S. - to the same effect; - and as he said with your Sanction. - He can have down the River from wherever you place him above - near Queenston; to within 300 yards of the Factories; and all the Sturgeon Hook and lines, floating in the Margin; - Let him send on Money $15, did you say; and I will apply and get up his Licence if you approve. - I telegraphed you from Niagara, on last Thursday, - and with my best and warmest regards to you, Mrs Sheppard and boys, - believe me; - Very fraternally Yours

J. W. Hall. Steam.

Harry Sheppard Esqre, 17. April 1862,
Allenston -

field, only he must give it up to —. I will call and see Captn Jeale, first time I come to Niagara about the Rolly portion of St George. - Myself and all my dogs (4.) might as well have Votes in Niagara.

Now for that White fish, you taught for Bob Taylor, - fisherman, for which you paid him 50 ℔. - I saw Bob Taylor, last thursday night in Elliots, and he told me, he caught that White fish on a sturgeon hook baited with minnows! and the hook and minnows were down in the White fish's gullet, and was alive when he took it off the hook. - Joe Wade, another sturgeon fisherman, caught two White fish during the winter past, in the same way. - Endeavour and get something though Without, for our little Hatchery; if we can do no better, why! we can total at plenty of Speckled trout, and supply the River - Excuse me for Troubling so much, and believe me,

Yours very respectfully - J. W. Hall -

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My dear Sir. —

Several weeks ago, long before I received your letter of the 10th instant, I had applied to Mr. Wilmot and replied to a communication I got from him; telling him how the fish fry could be conveyed from Toronto and on to Hespeler station; where I would have you waiting with Light Wagon, to take them from there to Lake Puslinch. — On receipt of your letter of 10th instant, I sent copy to Fisheries department, Ottawa, which was acknowledged per letter of the 14th instant, in the usual way. — —

Send with Kind regards, —
Believe me, fraternally Yours, —

J. W. Kerr,
Fishery Overseer.

John Davidson Esqre M.P.
M.P. M.P. M.P.
Guelph, Ont.

Fishery Overseer.
Hamilton, Ont.
19. April 1882.

Dear Sir. — Dick Gilbert, has a wife and big children, and is sickly. — He had the pond licensed before the late Mr. St. Grobb, bought him out; and had Grobb lived on, he never would have been meddled with being as he was a thorough conservative. — But Gilbert, being always heretofore a rabid Grit, conservatives dont like him. — Well so far as his Vote for you goes, — I have made the Vote all right for you as against all comers; and so Vote it be. — But upon no account let this escape your lips, and there is another man at Grimsby, who has always voted against you & I shall get him to vote for you at next Election. — When the House rises, and you return home; I will come and see you, and talk all those things over with you; and believe me with much respect.

Yours Obediently. —
J. W. Kerr,
Fishery Overseer.

J. C. Ry Kerr Esqre M.P.
M.P. M.P. M.P.
House of Commons, —
Ottawa. — —

Fishery Overseer's office,
Port Dover, 17th April 1882.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith applications for fishing licenses during this current year (1882) as follows;

1, Thomas Reid, Grantham; For Boat license to be same as last year. — amount to be, 5.00,

2, Peter Hatch, Gt Gainsboro; For Boat license to be same as last year. — amount to be, 5.00,

3. — David Tyson, Clinton, For a Boat license, to be the same as that issued to the late Abraham H. Groff, for last year. — —

4. — Richard Gilbert, South; For a Boat license to fish 1,500 yards of white fish, gill nets of legal size, in Lake Ontario, in front of the township of South, during this current year, the amount to be $5. dollars. — The usual protective clauses to be inserted in the Licenses; which I recommend may be granted at once. —

And with due respect. —

I Have the Honor to be,

Sir. —

Your Obedient Servant.

John W. Kess. —

Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries. —
Ottawa. — —

Memorandum.- for Mr. S. P. Bancat,
Fisheries department,
Ottawa.-

I send you receipt for incidentals.-
I shall pay - Mr. Lowe's division a
visit, during this week, and will report
to you the result.- It being now
close season, for Bass, Pickerel and
Maskinonge, I may have something
to report to you: However I will be
able I hope to report to you the
state of affairs, just as I may find
them.---

Yours respectfully.
John W. Kerr,-
Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton, Ontario.
17. April 1882.-

Hamilton Ontario
17. April 1882.

My dear Mr. Bell,-

How that close season for Bass, pickerel and Maskinonge has fairly set in: I hope you will in Justice to yourself, and the Fisheries department, endeavour to catch the Law breakers.- I may myself drop on one of them; early one of those June and early Mornings.- How much earlier, will it be for you to do it; who is on the spot.- I reported every thing in deference to Lewis and Jackson; about that ground in dispute. I sent copy of your letter.- It appears from a letter I got from Mr. Owen Bowers, that he seized Smith and Browns, for gear. Seine.- Keep the alert for gillnets,- if you want to find them, you must look them yourself. Trust no man, if you can help deceive you.- Yours. &c.

John Kerr, Overseer
Fishery Protection - St. Williams.-

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Hamilton, Ont.o
17. April 1882.—

Gentlemen.—

Your telegraph in re. Close season for Bass, pickerel &c, and postal card, was duly received by me; I saw Mr. Morris, &c, and made known to him and them, your wishes in the premises.—

Salmon caught every summer, during the legal season; are frozen in a similar way, just as you have frozen your fish; and they are exhibited for sale, and are sold at certain seasons of the year, when it is illegal for to fish for them, and catch them.— Hence why it is, that I can see no just cause, why you should not be permitted a similar indulgence.— I mailed to your address, "Close season" Notice today.— It is a Horse of a different Colour. please tell Harry, I will be up this week.—

Yours Sincerely.—

John W. Kerr.—
Fishery Overseer.
Hamilton. Ont.o
17. April 1882.

Messrs. Allan & Ainsley.—
Port Dover.
Ont.o

My dear John L.—

This will be handed to you, by William Stand, whom I have recommended to you already, for to fill the situation you require him for; he will not deceive you.— He is sober and honest and from my own knowledge personally of him; he can mend and make and hang Nets, and fish them; of the Nets I have.—

And he can help build a Boat and as soon as he becomes familiar with your Ground Net fishing; in a Common Boat; &c. you will I hope find him useful to you.— The boy has been neglected in his Education, which is the only thing you will find deficient in him; as a fisherman.— Yours &c.

John W. Kerr.—
Fishery Overseer.—

John L. Allan Esqre.
Port Dover.—

Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton, 21. April 1882.—

Sir,

I have the honor to send you herewith, Bank draft. No: 625 for the sum of Sixteen dollars, and fifty cents.—Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows:—"For year 1882,—"——————

1. John Kinsley, Walpole: "For a dip Net license to fish in Sandusk Creek, township of Walpole, up to, and ending on the 15th day of April, amount is, $1.00.

2. William Deal, do, do, do, do,— " 1.00.—

3. Henry Hoover, Rainham,— do, do, do,— " 1.00.

4. Daniel Wandell, Rainham,— For a Boat license to fish 600 yards, of Herring and White fish gill nets, in Lake Erie, in front of Lot No: 21, in the 1st Concession of the Township of Rainham, commencing at the lane, and running to the east side of the Lot,— amount is.— 5.00.

5. Isaac Michener, Molton: For a Seine hauling license for to fish One Seine 250. yards long, in Lake Erie, Commencing at the side line, between Lots 6, and 7, in the 1st Concession of the township of Molton; thence to the Indian Line; containing a Lake front-age of 1½, Miles. amount sent is,— " 5.00.

I recommend that those licenses be granted for this current year of 1882,—and please insert the protection clauses in Seine hauling licenses, and send to me for delivery.—

6. Edward Strickley, Rainham, Fined, one dollar
7. John Hiffin,— do.— each, for catching a Mas-
8. Darius Swartz,— do.— kinonge on 20th instant, " 3.00.

9. Samuel Yeager, Walpole, Fined for having a ~~gill~~ kinonge, in his possession on 20th April instant, —.50

Total $16.50.

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
John W. Tice
Fishery Overseer

20. W. F. Whitcher Esqre.
Commissioner of Fisheries.—
Ottawa.— —

Memorandum. for S. C. Bauset, Esq 20/111

Fisheries department. —

Ottawa. —

In obedience to your Memorandum, I arrived at Port Maitland. - Mouth of Grand River, 19th instant; I ascertained from Henry Ross, - fisherman there, that he paid. Mr W. Allan McCrea, on 17th instant, of 15. dollars. - for license fee, for 1882. - He fishes Two Seines, and Ten Hoop Nets. - License fee for (2.) Seines, ought to be of 5. each, = of 10. dollars: - and the Ten Hoop Nets. ought to be of 1. each, = of 10. dollars. - Total of 20. -

George Broker, John Green, Henry Green, and William Burnham; each fish One Seine, on the same grounds, in the Grand River, at Dunville; of 3. each, is the amount of the License fee, paid by them for this current year, it ought to be of 5. dollars each, for this year; as they have caught a large quantity of fish each; no fee in the River, to prevent them from starting to fish earlier this season, than usual. - With four Seines on the same grounds, there is too much crowding. - I recommend that Mr Burnham, be taken off the Dunville grounds; and be given a place in Sulphur Creek, at Haldimand. —

Archibald Gordon, and John Reid; each fish One Seine, in Sulphur Creek, at Haldimand, their license fee, is only of 3. dollars, each; of 5. dollars, each; ought to be charged for this current season; because fishing has been also very good at Haldimand. — I saw Mr W. Allan McCrea, and I talked over matters with him, in fact I sent for him, so that I might do so. - Each of those Seine Hauling fishermen, have paid him, of 3. dollars each, total eighteen dollars; which I advised him, to send to the Fisheries department, Ottawa, immediately, together with all other Monies which he had received; for instance he received of 10. from a person at York, Grand River; and as I found out

myself. from Mr Richard Bugh, of Molton, this morning; 20th instant; he received $4. from him; to fish a Seine in Lake Erie, in Molton Bay, - this license instead of being $4; should be $5. dollars. for this current year, just the same, as Mr Isaac Michener, for they both fish on the same ground ... I may here state for your information, that on my way from Port Maitland, I found Henry Ross's Gun Stoop Nets, had been lifted out of the water, and were coiled up on the Set Stakes; where I directed them to remain during close season for Bass. Ve .. Ve.-

While proceeding up the Grand River from Port Maitland, to Dunville; I also discovered a Stoop Net, Set and fishing; the property of Benjamin Crumb, a Lake man, who was fishing without a license; this Stoop Net, I seized, but Ordered it, to be given back, on Mr Crumb, paying $1. dollar, license fee; subject as a matter of course, to your decision. - - Mr W. Allan McKee, informed me, there was illegal fishing being carried on by some fishermen, up the River from Dunville; I intend to return to Dunville again, as soon as I possibly can; and endeavour to detect the parties breaking the Law. When I remarked to young Mr McKee, he should have gone and captured the persons offending; his reply was! he had no funds to supply a man to assist him; and he did not feel like going alone. - - While there at Dunville, on Wednesday morning! I would have gone; but I desired to push on down to Molton Bay, this morning; where I saw Messrs Bugh, and Michener, with the results, I have hereinbefore informed you of. As Mr Henry Lane, and myself, are put down in Fishery Report for year 1880, and 1881, "Molton Bay"; I suppose I may as well take all the Bay to myself, for the future. -

Hamilton, Ont^o.
20th April 1882. —

Yours respectfully,
J. W. Kerr, Fishery Insp^r

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Fishery Overseer's office.
Hamilton, 21. April 1882.

Sir,

I have the honor to recommend that you will be pleased to grant a licence to Mr Richard Pugh, of Molton: for to fish a Seine 250. yards long, in Lake Erie, township of Molton. —

This licence to be the same, as that I have recommended to be granted to Mr Isaac Mackenzie, as per application of this date, enclosed herewith: the licence fee is to be of 5 dollars; Mr Pugh, has already paid of 4. to Mr W. Allan Overseer; for Mr Pugh, showed me his receipt for that amount, I will get the other of 1, - from Mr Pugh, on delivering to him the licence, which you will please send to me, for to countersign and deliver. — — —

And with due respect

I have the Honor to be,
Sir. —
Your Obedient Servant,
John W. Stark
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries, —
Ottawa. — — —

Fishery Overseer's Office.—

Hamilton, 21st April 1882.—

Sir,

I Have the honor to receive copy of letter; To the Hon.ble The Minister, signed by Ainley; and Allan, Stewart, and Moore; W. H. Alderson; and Hoover and Swarby; with your instructions to me to report thereon:—

"Thus! "We the undersigned being engaged in the in=
"dustry of "Fishing" with Pound Nets, do hereby most res=
"pectfully submit to your consideration the following
"facts; viz:" "

"Previous to the last year we were obliged to pay
"only half a license on those Nets which were used in the
"Fall of the year only."—

"But during the last year no license, for half the
"season were allowed and we were obliged to pay a
"whole seasons license on all our Nets, though some of them
"were used but a few months."

In reply to those asserted facts, I have the hon.r to report positively as to said facts in this case; that previous to last year 1881.— Messrs Hoover and Swarby, were not Pound Net fishermen, it was only last year— for the first time, they commenced for to fish, and they fished two pounds, for the entire season.— They surely had nothing to complain of!. My diary entry, of Friday, 27th May 1881. No: 1, is attached for your information, and is a positive fact.— Neither Hoover nor Swarby saw the petition; they did not put their names to it; the Man, one of the other petitioners, who signed their Names, told me he had done so; Swarby has bought out Hoover, and is now the sole proprietor.— I hope this disposes of Hoover and Swarby to your satisfaction.

They are not however residents of South Norfolk, but reside in the County of Haldimand.

W. F. Whitelaw Esq.re
Commissioner of Fisheries
Ottawa.

And now as regards, Mr. W. H. Alderson, who is another of the petitioners; he was not in reality a Pound Net Fisherman last year, nor was he ever one during previous years, but he is the Owner of four pounds, fished last year, under a license issued by you to Frank Jackson; so that as far as Mr. W. H. Alderson, and Messrs. Hoover and Swarby are concerned, they have mis-stated facts. They have not told you the truth, plain and simple as it is. Last year, was the first time Jackson fished those four pounds, he has not complained of any thing; and he is preparing to fish this year; and Swarby is now fishing one pound, with my Consent, waiting the issue of his license, which I have just recommended may be granted. - -

And now as regards Ainsley and Allan, I cannot find that they have reason to complain of, as regards last year as I have treated them kindly, and with forbearance.

It was in conformity with my report to you No: 2, dated 1st of June 1881, that this Fy. years license was dispensed with by you. I consider it was a just and proper change, and I submit herewith, an extract, No: 3, from my report to you of the 13th of October 1881, as a fair Justification of what had been previously done in the premises. —

And because the Gill fishing is always considered as much more abundant, in the Cat of White fish, and Herrings, &c. as compared with the fishing in the early spring part of the season. - - The Pound Net fishermen themselves, are always well satisfied, if the spring catch, pays all expenses, license fees, poles, repairs, and sitting.

The long close season for fished ~~m~~ Waters had against them, and ought to be fully removed; It might this season terminate on the 30th of April. - I strongly recommend this matter for your immediate favorable consideration. —

From the facts, that no fishermen nor people with grievance, and also last fall were

good as in previous and past years; still, it is positive facts, that Ansley and Allan, was able to catch &c, and lay up in their Freezers, 25 Tons of fish, some of which; a ton, they had still on hand on last tuesday, selling as frozen fish, caught last October and November 1881.

And Moore and Stewart, also laid up in their Freezers, 9. Tons of fish; about 2. tons of which they have still on hand unsold, and the sale of which cannot be now effected; because of the abundance of fresh fish caught fish, now coming into Market; please refer to my last years Return for Norfolk division. — For Tons in Freezers!

And still it appears, it is these persons Messrs Allan, and Ansley, and Moore and Stewart, so much in the catch, and freezing of fish, who are the only persons who instigated this petition, this salt letter, thro, our worthy M. P. Mr Wallace, to the Hon: The Minister, first having induced one man to sign, and forged the name of a third, to a document, who had no complaint, and misstating the facts.

The petitioners say: — "The expenses of fishing in "this way, are very heavy, and have left little, if any "profit, on the Money invested."

I have to report, that I used some such language as this myself, in my Annual Report, dated, Hamilton, 28th of January, last, thus; — I would desire to express "Self favorably to you, to some extent, in behalf of the "Pound Net, Fishermen, and Pound Net, proprietors, who "have so largely, and extensively invested so much of "their means in the fisheries of this division of Lake Erie "So long dormant, until now humiliated by them. — They "are men deserving of your consideration, and I feel "my duty, to draw your personal attention in their direction."

What I then meant by those kind words, was not a recitation of various fees; I recommend now, that the Channels, in all pound Nets, shall not be lowered on

that they might, & make as I have heard was done; and
already reported to you by my late predecessor." and
issued again after 6, a. m, on the following monday
morning in each week; for in as much, as fish, have
free access in, and out of all founds, and do as I am
aware very often come out again; then the Canal they en-
tered the, &c. I do really [illegible] at liberty, and
Instead of his recommending that the [illegible] in this
instance be dispensed with altogether, and so enable
the Canal Co. [illegible] at Cote St. Pierre &c. to go out early
on Monday mornings, fish up, and [illegible] express fish away
by early trains. The law itself is not so clear, nor pos-
itive on the subject; please read sub section 14, of Section 18,
of the act, to tell you the candid truth my predecessors
never enforced it, as I have heard; besides if a storm hap
pened, while the Canal was down, away went the whole
rig; pot and all. — I have therefore much pleasure in
recommending this part of the petition favorably to the con-
sideration of the Minister.

Again petitioners say "If you could remove the causes,
or one fifth of the obstruction it would be keeping an industry
which at present is nearly at a stand still, and the capi-
tal employed in which will be lost if it is not protected
by a removal of the heavy duties, we are now,
or by pecuniary assistance of some kind grant us, at an
early date."

In reply, I have the honor to report, that the first and
only intimation, I had previous to this petition, was from Mr.
John S. Gilkison, one of the petitioners, That they had petitioned
the Imperial Parliament, for a share of the £150.000 sterling
talked of, as about to be granted by Government to
petitioners; Gilkison, did not tell me that
they wanted to have their duties wiped out as
Director Stewart has gone into fishing as a speculation

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here, and simply - Mr John S. Allen, who is a practical farmer & fisherman and with whom I have talked on the subject, last Tuesday evening at Port Dover, considers that he should have a portion of the $150,000 - voted by the Government to rebate bounties and I agreeing with him if such be the case, strongly recommend the same for the consideration of the Ministers; but only so far as the bona fide working fishermen are to be the parties concerned.

This is the fair common sense view I take of this matter. - - -

In conclusion, the petitioners very innocently say; "In view of the above facts, we would most respectfully "petition that your Government, not only remove the bounties for "the coming years; but also give us a rebate of the bounties paid by us during the last year".

In reply to this big demand, I cannot recommend, beyond what I have already recommended for the Ministers consideration, and besides I have been made aware that my predecessor, did not pay in to the department - as the money be collected; altho' recompensed by Messrs Stewart, Moore and Ainsley, to the extent of $150 dollars. - I must be just to the department. Even so recently as the early part of last year, Dr Stewart, bought up Mr W. B. Innis, Pound Boat, Seines, and pounds; paid down ½ besides the Nine pound Note, not picked yet; and my report of 1st of June last, already herein referred to, and attached, will have shewn you, what was made out of the pounds rented by Mr Innis. - -

Messrs La Rose, and boy, picked at Sandusk, Lake Erie, last year, and they have not complained, they only made a living. I believe therefrom; after paying rent, to Innis, and Licenses for $80. dollars.

And now in conclusion, I have to report, to

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I dare'nt to see these men do well, but surely not at the public's expense, for then every fisherman in the Dominion, would ask and all expect the same privilege. As regards the freezing up of so many tons of dead fish in October, and November, in each year, and keeping them over frozen all the time, waiting and watching for a better Market: I condemn the proceeding to within a certain extent." A limit should be placed at once on this industry, as the petitioners term it; as many instances have happed where this freezing process of a long duration should be condemned. ... No later than yesterday, at Buffalo, in conversation with a prominent gentleman, familiar with frozen fish as food; he expressed himself, that the flavour, substance, and taste of white fish, was all frozen out, the fish become dry, and unpalatable, and this gentleman mind you uses large quantities of fish in his Establishments all the time.

Our delicious White fish should never be lowered in our Markets, by this prolonged freezing process, I recommend this for your serious study, and consideration. I may say for your information, that every reasonable facility, should be granted; such as I have set forth, consistent with the Fisheries Act. But Bound Not proprietors, in applying for privileges, should never damage a business, by freezing fish, and keeping them in that state for a period of seven Months. And such a successful and prosperous business; Fish Culture, and protection elevated by you to such an exalted position at this present day; and in which in an humble way I endeavour to imitate you. — And with my profound respect, and my approval of Mr Wallace, M.P., bringing this matter before the Minister affording me an opportunity of [illegible] as I do for the information of Mr Wallace, and all others concerned.

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Immediate.

W. M. Alderson Esqre
and
Frank Jackson.
Fishermen,
Port Dover. — — —

To be agreed upon, and approved of by the Fisheries department; as pounds are set out, and commenced to be fished; so shall the payments for each pound, $40, be made. — — —

When convenient please send me $40. for each pound, when setting is completed and commence catching fish. — I was very sorry, to hear of poor Harry Whitehead's sudden death. Whatever his faults, and we all have our faults, he could hang no flam behind his back. —

When I reached Selkirk, next morning after you saw me, in Port Dover. I was obliged to give a Cheque, and Postal Envelope and Cream for having caught, and in possession, a 25 pound all wings, but put yourself to any inconvenience in getting this money. — Believe me, Very truly Yours, —

John Wilkes. —
Fishery Overseer —

Hamilton, Ont.
22nd May 1882. —

"Fishing Licenses."

Mess[rs] Nicholson Bros
Port Dover

Inverness, 28th April, 1882.

Gentlemen,

I understand to-day under your orders, in all things, with the last interests, and the welfare of the fishermen, the fisheries department.

I have the honor to be,
Sir, —
Your Obedient Servant,
John Wilkes
Fishery Overseer. —

1 Bl. Herring of 250 lbs each is 45.00 at 1/4 d
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do 1/2 do 250 = 100 at 4d = 40 d 56,25 x 2 = 112,50 No: 3.

Copy. —

Abstract from my Report to W. H. Whitcher Esqre Commissioner of Fisheries, Ottawa. dated 12. October 1861.

On tuesday last, Jackson, and Moore, fished up ten pots, containing 18 Barrels of Herring, and 4. Barrels of Pickerel each. Each barrel contains 250 pounds. Herring sold at 1/2 cents a pound, and yellow pickerel 4 d. four pounds, and blue pickerel, 2 d. per pound, being 4. Barrels of Pickerel each, upwards of double the amount paid for an annual license of £ 40, of one pound Ster. — Correct.

H. W. Kerr —
Fishery Overseer.

Copy. No: 2.

Sir. 14th June 1861. —

I Have the honor to acquaint for your information, that when I came back from Pt. point, to Port Dover, I took a run down the shore of Lake Erie, on last friday, to reconnoitre, and find out how pound net fishermen for fishing this season are progressing in Lake Erie, in the townships of Charlotteville and Rainham. I have now in the first place to report, that Alex. Ainsley, and Allen, of Port Dover, applied for a license for to fish 2, pounds, this season, on their grounds. His license you have already sent me, amount is £ 80, dollars. Last friday I found one pound at Mantéoba, fishing in Lake Erie, with stakes driven further out, in Lake Erie, for two pounds more, which will be 3, pounds instead of two, as originally applied for by Mr. Allen, and granted by the Superintendent. I had no boat to get out, where I could see my, the Allens, and his crew, I believe fishing in the pots, at the extreme end of the stakes now, which officers were all driven, [illegible]

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Centre stakes was driven for another fyke. — From what I saw, and learned afterwards, the third pound, at the stakes are driven, is only intended to be fished for ½ the season, at $10, as an experiment entitled by all Anglers, in which pound, Net fishermen, have anything to say as to its existence and as I have heard, and had me to suppose. — As I do not approve of this mode of doing business, I bring the matter under your personal notice, & attention, and for your decision. Then Messrs Ainsley, and Allen, take possession of the grounds, "fishing grounds" by driving piles, or stakes in a string or straight line, for fishing two pounds, one of which I heard they intended paying full license for, say $40, dollars, cash, for the season, the other the intend paying only $20, for, without even one day more, or the agreement on the subject, by neither an application for, permission to do so, otherwise, so that it is about time, that I should submit this case for your consideration and decision, and which is what I have now the honor to do. — You will please remember Frank Jackson, of Port Dover, of plead for ½ license to fish 4 pounds, this season, the 4th pound will be put in, and fished by him, later on, in the season; while he has not asked for an abatement of his license fees. — Are not pleased Messrs Ainsley, and Allen, a case similar to Jackson's case; such being the view I take of it, I recommend for your consideration that there be no fee, season licenses, to permit Net fishermen in Lake Erie, any more, as fish. season licenses should be the order of the day. This is all I have at present to say, in this case of Messrs Ainsley and Allen. —

But I have to report, that further down in Lake Erie, at Sandusk Creek; Messrs J. W. Ruddy, and James Dever, whom I saw there, and [illegible]

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with; have leased for 2, years, from Mr. W. B. Lewis, of Ottawa, the privilege of fishing 2, pounds at this place, being according to their statement to me for this season, viz. for one pound Net, for the department, $40. for which sum, and $20. for the 1/2 season, for another pound Net, - This $60, License fee, is already arranged with Mr. Lewis, to be paid by Messrs. W. J. Rushing and James Larose. -

Besides this amount $60. they pay Mr. W. B. Lewis $100, a year, and $120, more for a New lead net, and are to keep Nets in Order and at their expense. - I applied to the department, (I believe Mr. Bigelow had done so before me,) for License to fish 2, pounds in this case. - I had good substantial reasons for making the application. But I considered before I could apply to you I would communicate with Mr. W. B. Lewis, having an the subject. His reply was for only one pound, after he had sent to Messrs. Rushing and Larose, for $40, License fee, which he got from them. I have Mr. Lewis letter, and I also had conversation with Rushing and Larose, on this subject.

I may here report, that on last Friday, I seen the stakes driven for 2, pounds, and one pound was then fishing. - And I do really think, it is an attempt to humbug the devil in the dark, by paying $40. for the full season, and $20. for the 1/2 season, when the proceedings for to fish 2, pounds, is all nearly completed at the same time. - I recommend that the License fee in this case, for year 1881. - for fishing 2, pounds, single poles, be $80. in full. - And the License fee, in Ainley and Allan case for year 1881. - for fishing 3 pounds, single pole, be $120. - and if you approve I can send you back their License so as to be ahead from $80, for this year, & $120. - With the foregoing remarks all of which I recommend for your consideration, and approval, and with due respect - I have &c

Addressed to, W. A. Whitcher. Esq. Dept. of Marine, Ottawa.

Copy; No: 1.

Friday, 27. May 1881.

Went on to Howards point, met Mr. Abraham Howard on the Road, and had a chat with him, he, his wife and children was on their way to Selkirk, where I saw him afterwards; Continued on my way to Mr. the pounds, 2, sat out; saw Dennis Lumley, and O. Silverfox, had a general chat, gave them a copy of Friday sat.

Copies from diary.

Mr. Joshua W. Howard.

Fishery Overseer.

3. "Fishery Steamer".

Doctor Hamilton.

Selkirk. Post office.

Mailed on 28. April 1882. 3

Letter.

"Fishery Inspector."

Mr. Daniel Wardell.

Fisherman.

Rainham. Post office.

Mailed on 28. April 1882.

Letter.

Fishery Overseer's Office.
Hamilton, 22, April 1882.—

Sir,

I have the honor to report, that I settled a little difficulty that was likely to arise at Port Maitland, on my arrival there, between Henry Ross, an old resident fisherman, and August Schumacher, just recently arrived from Turkey point.—Henry Ross, has been a fisherman, licensed there for 16. years; as I, and you are aware.—Upon my recommendation Schumacher has obtained a licence this year for to fish in Lake Erie, from the west pier of the mouth of Grand River, up the Lake 5. Miles, to Horse Shoe Harbour.—Ross who has not yet got his licence; went to stop him. Schumacher fishing: Schumacher telegraphed for me, and having your Orders to up there, I was just in a position when I got there to settle matters between them, and I done so accordingly: to the satisfaction of both parties.—"They are to seine haul, turn about on two seining grounds, situated in the Lake Erie; on the west side of the west pier of Grand River: at Port Maitland".—I apprised young W. Allan McCrea, in Mr. Henry Lowe's place, absent in Manitoba, of the arrangement.—Both Ross, and Schumacher, had been to Mr. McCrea, about the little difficulty between them, before I got there; and hence why Ross, had paid in his licence fee of $15. on the 17th instant.—Young McCrea, should smarten himself up.—I recommended him to send you all the Money, he had Collected as Licence fees, say about $50.—to you instantly, and apply for licence for each fisherman, who had paid.—Schumacher will open up a Sturgeon Hook and line fishery, at Port Maitland, such as I established this year at Niagara; and with due respect,

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your Obedient Servt
Phil W. Ker
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Com. of Fisheries,
Ottawa.

Fishery Overseer's Office. —
Hamilton, 21. April 1882. —

Sir,

I have the honor to report for your information, that on arriving at the Village of Selkirk, on last Wednesday morning, I found Samuel Yeager of Waepole there, with a Load of fish, he had a short time before bought from Darius Swarts. Found Net, fisherman of Rainham. — Yeager had in his possession a 25. pound Maskinonge; I seized the fish, it being close season; took Yeager before Doctor Harrison, J. P. — a resident in the Village, who fined him, 50 cents, and confiscated the Maskinonge, and I advised the Doctor, to dispose of the fish. — I then went on to the residence of Darius Swarts, and directed him to parade himself, and Seine before me; when I charged them, with fishing for, Catching and Killing, a Maskinonge, on the 20th inst of April, at Rainham, in a pound Net, and for selling same to Samuel Yeager. — They pleaded guilty! — I fined each of them One dollar. — Viz^t

1. Edward Strickley. fined $1.00 cts,
2. John Heffin, " $1.00 cts,
3. Darius Swarts. " " 1.00 cts,

You will please find those $3.50 cts in my letter, of this date, containing Bank draft, for $16.50 cts.

I expostulated with Swarts, the Seine and pedler for breaking the Law; even Swarts pleaded ignorance of the Law, with the rest of them; when I referred him to the Close Season Memorandum on last years License. — —

I am perfectly satisfied that except the Herring caught that morning, no illegal caught fish was landed with the Maskinonge. I let them off easy, it being first offence. And with Final respect. —

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
John W. Kerr
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Com^r of Fisheries.
Ottawa. —

Fishery Overseer's Office,—
Hamilton, 21. April 1882.—

Sir,

I have the honor to apply to you, for a Pound Net Licence for Mr Darius Swarby, of Rainham, in the County of Haldimand: "For the privilege of fishing with Two pounds Nets, Single pots or heads: in Lake Erie, in front of Lots No: 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. and 12. in the Township of Rainham, and County of Haldimand, the price of this Licence shall be at the rate of $40. each pound, equals. = $80.00.

I will be able to obtain the Money, on receipt of Licence.— Mr Swarby, is the same person, who fished in partnership with Mr Abraham Hoover, last year; per my application of the 18th of June 1881. Mr Hoover, has sold his share to Swarby, and retired from the business.— Swarby, will now carry on the fishing on his own account.—

In my report on the petition of Port Dover Fishermen, presented by Mr William Wallace M. P., to the department, dated 9th today, I recommended certain privileges being granted. Will you in granting this Licence, be pleased to comply with that recommendation: As regards close season for Pickerel ending 31st of this Month; and the Annual arrangement.— I have much pleasure in recommending, that this Licence may be issued immediately.— Swarby has commenced to fish already.— for another week Permit.

And with filial respect.

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
John W. Kerr
Fishery Overseer

W. F. Whitcher Esq 24th
Com: of Fisheries.
Ottawa.

Private!

My dear Mr Ramsay

I hope young Mr Lees, brotherinlaw to Henry Lewis, will have sent you about £50, he has collected as Dr Lewis Jaes, before this reaches you. —

Every thing has been managed lovely, he is a young boy, about 20 years, — and he is brother to Miss Mr Lees, who was seduced by a Married man in Chatham and who was tried last fall in Buffalo, for Murder, — Miss Mr Lees — having gone to Buffalo, to hide her shame, died there in the hands of an abortionist. — The father, an old man about my own age, enjoys a pension of £500, a year from the Customs department, and despite that Mr Henry Lewis, helps them, I dont think they have much more to live upon ——

It is doubtful if you will be able to get this £50, — just now, but my Memorandum sent you on yesterday, will tell you where the Money came from,

I saw the Mr Mr Lees, whom I have known for years, he came down where I was stopping, and invited me up to his House but I politely declined, as I was tired, wet, and covered with Mud after a 44 Mile drive, and 5 Miles water Boat ride. — I only hope I may be disappointed in my head thinking, and that you will have got £50, — before this reaches Ottawa. — I was getting over a slight Cough, until caught in a thunder storm, on the Grand River, beating up from Port Maitland to Dunville, about 3. p.m — on last Wednesday — Please present me to Quarters of Mr Lees. —

With Kind and warm regards and my best respects to my good friends Mrs & Mr Wilkes

Believe me Respectfully Yours

Hamilton, 22, April 18[illegible]. —

Memorandum!

My dear Mr Bennet,

I hope you will have time
to attend to business this morning
as I must go to Meryton, and settle
with Mr Phillips about the pocket-money
which you promised to let me have
before I go. I shall want a good deal,
as I have a number of debts to discharge
before we leave Netherfield. — Lydia
is of opinion that 50£ will be sufficient,
but I dare say it will not be more than
half enough, for you know how much
I shall be obliged to spend on
pleasure after I am married. —
Perhaps you had better give me
a draft for it, that I may
be prepared against any extravagant
demands of my own. —

Yours sincerely
Lizzy Bennet

Monday morning

My dear Papa,

Please to forgive me for troubling you
so soon again, but I find myself
obliged to request you will
be so kind as to advance me
£50 before you go to Meryton,
as I have a variety of
little expenses to attend to
this morning, which will
be unavoidable. — I am
ashamed to trouble you
so often, but you know
I always discharge my
debts as soon as I can.
Mamma will explain
my reasons for
this request more fully.
Yours affectionately
Lizzy Bennet

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Postmaster.

Memorandum!

My dear Mr Bennet,

I hope you will be disengaged & at home this morning, as I have a point of importance to discuss with you. — Pray excuse me for troubling you, but I don't think that I have merited more by my late conduct.

I am, dear Sir, Yours sincerely,
Mary Bennet

Memorandum!

Mr Collins will be with you, I suppose, before breakfast, and I am sure you will not wish to see him longer than you can help. — Pray excuse me for troubling you, but I don't think that I have merited more by my late conduct.

I am, dear Sir, Yours sincerely,
Mary Bennet

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Hamilton, Ont.o
" 22. April 1882.—
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My dear Bowers.—

I send you herewith, Bank cheque. dated. department of Marine, and Fisheries, Ottawa, 20th April 1882.— for the sum of Fifty dol in full. for Salary. and granted to you by the for Half Year ending 3 cember 1881.— Through the cheque was mislaid

I also send you Recei sign. and please retur

I got the small file charges. 5/- for Procureir down here to look for it. Set down, on last Tuesday at 11. A.M. on Wednesday morning for Port Maitland, and Dunnville: found a Man a Fisherman, with a Gill Netter, at Selkirk,—

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fined him, and the parties who bought the fish. he was 25 pounds weight.— $1.50.

I want you on receipt of this, to proceed early. the next morning. to Mr Williams. and place William Snook. fisherman. of Turkey point, in possession of fishing Station No: 4, in Lake Erie, Outer Bay.— same as was surveyed out for him last year, and recently by Mr F.W. Walsh. and for which he holds a license; the fee is $15. dollars for this year, get the amount from Snook, and send it to me. for the department. — You may tell Snook, as soon as I receive a Sketch from Mr Walsh. I will report on, and send Copy of Mr Walsh's letter; to Fisheries department. Ottawa: At same time. if Wm Holmes has been fishing on No: 4. Lewis Hawking ground. he can take him before a Magistrate, and fine him, to the extent of $100. and Costs. see Section 18. of the Fisheries Act. Snook himself. Knows all this, he has had a case of a similar nature before.—

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He would then have to subpoena me, as witness, to prove the licence, otherwise the plaintiffs I suppose would not grant me my expenses, — Read over the Law for Crooks — Bring your act with you — "You should catch some one, now illegally fishing; if you look round, and stir yourself. — And now mind my advice, do this duty discreetly, and intelligently, take photos of the proceedings, and report to me. — Moreover I am master of Contraventions of the Act, are being committed at Dunkirk point. I will come, you may take Crooks, if Delaney had gone — I have got you the Jr of the 100. at all events. — Buy more fish photos, — Where is Mr now! I heard he got off 150. from Pt Dover. Pick fishermen: As ever believe me, —

Yours faithfully, —

Queen Romans Esq re
Special Guardian. —
Port Royal. Ontario
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Hamilton, 24. April 1882.

S. P. Rousset Esq re,
Fisheries department,
Ottawa. — — — —

= after receiving my letter this morning, in = struct me further about Dunnille Fish = eries, —

J. W. Kerr,
Collect. = = J. Carnegie.
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Hamilton, Ontario.
22. April 1882.

My dear Gilbert.—

I send you herewith a Boat license for David Tyson, to fish 2,000, Yards of White fish, and Herring gill Nets in Lake Ontario, between Moirs wharf and Konkle Creek, township of Clinton.— Tell him he must observe the law.—

I also send your own license for to fish 1.500, yards of White fish. & gill Nets. in Lake Ontario for this Current year, and the amount for both licenses, is £10,— say, £5, each: when Convenient you can send me the Money— as agreed to by you and I.— I was up on Lake Erie, this week, and travelled from Port Dover to Buffalo, dining along the Lake shore and home here in two days. — And with my Kind regards to your Mrs G. and family.—

Believe me yours truly.

J. W. Kerr.—
Fy Overseer.

Mr Robt. Gilbert.—
Jordan Station,
Post Office

Hamilton, Ontario.
22. April 1882.

My dear Mr Reid.—

I send your license today herewith. I dont want Mr Elliott, or any body else to meddle or interfere with your fishing.—

You can, when Convenient send me £5, license Money.— You enjoy the privilege of fishing in Lake Ontario in front of the Township of Grantham.— Observe Laws.

With Kind regards.—

Yours Sincerely.—

J. W. Kerr.—
Fishery Overseer.

Thomas Reid Esqre
Grantham.—
St. Catherines, Ontario.

Hamilton, Ont.
23. April 1892.

My dear Mr. Hart. —

I have your favour of the 21st inst. and duly note its contents. I don't want the Debenture for coal only to be made or retained with your finishing. —

You can, I think, commence work on the Building as soon as you like. — Please supply the principle of finishing in the Centre in front of the Verandah of Lyonstown. — Please do so.

With kind regards, —

Yours sincerely, —

Thos. Bell.

Thomas Hart Esq.
Lyonstown —
Nr. Castlemore, Ont.

Hamilton, Ont.
23. April 1892.

My dear Hart.

I have your favour of the 21st inst. re Plans for Tower, Spire, & Porch of Brick Church, and Planning of Centre, between Vestries and over Porch. Tower, Spire & Vestries to be built of Brick, Tower & Spire to be carried up with Ashlar Quoins, Cornice & Belfry Windows, Porch

Fishery Overseer's Office. —
Hamilton, 25. April 1882.

Sir.

I have the honor to report for your information, that the Fishermen of Southampton, Lake Huron, are at present fishing for and catching very small Salmon Trout, several of them; do not exceed half a pound each... I saw some of those small Trout myself in the fish stall here in the Market of Mr. John Davis. Fish dealer, Hamilton. —

Mr. Davis told me there were too many of those small trout sent him amongst the other salmon Trout in the Barrel, and he hoped I would stop it. — I told Mr. Davis, I would write you on the subject. — —

I also observe that Salmon Trout, Mr. Fished to Fish dealers in Hamilton, by Mr. Foster, Fish dealer in Collingwood, Georgian Bay, through his brother, resident in Hamilton, are unusually small. — The fishermen must be fishing small illegal gill nets. — I submit the matter for your information. — And with due respect,

I have the Honor to be. —

Sir.

Your Obedient Servant.

John W. Kerr.

Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esq.
Com. of Fisheries, —
Ottawa. — — —

Memorandum of Money paid by Mr. John W. Ramsey, Bailiff, to the Fisheries department, Ottawa. - -

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For year 1879.- Per letter, of 5. February 1879. Bank draft No; 451.- for $240. to apply on 4. pounds, in Lake Erie, at Point Abino. —

" " " Per letter of 27th August 1879.- Bank draft No: 320,- for 60. to apply on 2. pounds, between Pt. Abino and Hares point, in Lake Erie. - - Total paid for 1879. - $300.00

For Year 1880.- Per letter, 22. May 1880, in Bank draft 64. No: 2, please find,- 100. from John W. Ramsey, on account of license for 3 pounds. —

Per letter, 7th April 1881.- In Bank draft. 516.- No: 2,- please find from John W. Ramsey on acct. for 1880,- 25.

Per letter; 25. May 1881.- Bank draft 82, No: 6,- you will find from John W. Ramsey, for 1880,— 25.

Ry. J. W. Ramsey: - Total for 1880.- paid, $150.00

For year 1880. Ry letter, 8 April 1880,- Bank draft 449.- a sum of $.- 30.00 was paid on acct. for 2. pounds by Thos: Ramsey, —

Ry letter, 31. May 1880,- In Bank draft 81. No: 4 — you will please find from Thomas Ramsey,- 30.00

Total for 1880. paid. $60.00

For year 1881.- Ry letter, 14. July 1881.- Bank draft, 370,- No: 1,- John W. Ramsey, paid on acct of License. — $40.00

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Respectfully Submitted

John W. Kerr,

Fishery Overseer,

Hamilton, Ont.

25. April 1882,-

Hon. W. H. Whitcher Supt. of Fisheries, — Ottawa. - - —

Fishery Overseer's Office.—
Hamilton, 25. April 1882.—

Sir,

I Have the honor to submit at the request of Mr. John W. Ramsay, Pound Net Fisherman, Lake Erie, at Ridgeway, and report the following case for your consideration.——

By reference to a Memorandum attached, you will please find, that Messrs. John W. Ramsay, of Ridgeway, and Thomas Ramsay of Fort Erie, have been Pound Net Fishermen, at Point Abino, and its locality, in Lake Erie, during, and since early part of year 1879.— I may here state for your information, that on 5th Feb: 1879. J. W. Ramsay, paid first licence for 4, pounds.— $40.

" " 27. August, 1879. Thos: Ramsay & Son, paid do. for 2, pounds.— 20.

which would be at the rate of $50. each, paid for year 1879. $300.—

Year 1880.—

During this year, John W. Ramsay, and Thomas Ramsay, paid,

On 22. May 1880.— licence on 3 pounds, on account,— = 100.

" 7. April 1881. do. do, on account for 1880. = 25.

" 25. May 1881.— do. do. do. do. 25.

" 8. April 1880. Thos: Ramsay, paid on acct. for 2. pounds,— 30.

" 31. May 1880.— do. do do.— 30.

which would be at the rate of $42. for each pound, for the year 1880. — Vide $210.

For Year 1881.—

On 14. July 1881.— J. W. Ramsay, and boy,— only paid, $40. on account of 4. pounds, altho' he only fished three, up to July, of year 1881.— when he took them all out, and he fished no more, for the remainder of this year.—

You will please find by the face of this report that Mess. J. W. Ramsay, & boy,— paid altogether during the years 1879, 1880, and 1881.— the sum of $350. to the Fisheries department, as licence fees on 14 pounds he only fished; leaving a balance of $70. still due, by him; that the rate $40. per pound would be now considered by you as fair during the time period fished.— According to my calculation they have during

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Ottawa.——

the 3 years, they have had licenses, fished 14. pounds altogether, which at the fair rate of $40. per pound. per year, would be $560. for the 3 years, on 14 pounds. fished during that period. But as I have shewn you, the Messrs Ramsey, have only paid $550. leaving $10. more to be paid, by them, to square off the account for last year ending 31st of December 1881.— And which I now submit, and I do respectfully recommend for your consideration, and approbation . — —

Now then! I may mention for your information, that Mr John W. Ramsey, has at present very large quantities of logs of timber lying in various places along the shore of Lake Erie, in Bertie, and he tells me, he will be able to raft this timber to Evanuada. N. York, — in June next, and when this timber is delivered there, he will get paid, and will then pay the department, at the rate specified, or as may be approved of, by you . — —

I would have no objection myself, in receiving Mr John W. Ramsey's proposition, but as a matter of obedience, and duty, I submit, and recommend the same for your more enlarged approval . — Mr Ramsey, to pay the $10,— at once, now due; and pay for this year, for licence for fishing three pounds single pots, or heads, at the rate of $40. each pound; and as each pound is supposed to be fished during this current year, the money to be at once paid . — I recommend this matter for your immediate consideration - as Mr Ramsey is a person who never causes any trouble whatever. I may in conclusion add that Messrs Ramsey's for last year, had license for four pounds, they only fished three pounds, —

Respectfully submitted and recommended, and with due respect —

I have the Honor to be,

Sir, —

Your Obedient Servant

J. Hill Tickell

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Memorandum. — Jos S. B. Barnet Esqre

On receipt of your Telegraph — I ran up to Dunville, and after some plain conversation with young Mr^r Clarke, and father. on Wednesday evening last. I was informed I should have the money, of £50. dollars, on yesterday morning, just the amount I told you already, he had collected, and this amount I send you today, and of 30. dollars more beside. —

There will remain still, about £20, dollars, to be collected, and paid in, which will be about 85 or 90, dollars, when all is collected! — Mr^r Clarke told me Father and Son — that they intended sending you the £50 — on yesterday or today, if I did not come down for it. — I dont believe after all, but every thing would come out right with Young Mr^r Clarke in the end; it is so for all right. So Mr^r Clarke it be. — — —

Smoke — Is determined to manage the Fishing in the Lower end Outer Bay — I fancy.

to suit his own taste. — He has had Mr^r Walsh, Chas: L. Berwyn — of Lunar — to go there, stake over again; make sketch, and write me letter, telling me what to do. — I will write you just as soon as I ever possibly can do so. —

I have to wait however until I hear from Bowers. — Bowers I may tell you feels very grateful for the £50. charge. — It is the first time I ever Knew and desired that he had a morsel of the materials in his composition; however it is better to make the discovery now, than never. —

Harry Whiteland. Late Stewards Book Keeper. Found Mate. Vz — Port down — destroyed himself, he was a very fine fellow, but used to take you, he took lately to hard fits of drinking, as I have heard. — Early for letter Parcels and Letters was, Leaving Duke, I'd be in the Lurch, — and believe me, — Yours, Vz. Vz

J. Wm Kerr —

J. Curren

Hamilton, Outer Mr^r
29. April 1882.

Hamilton for Mr^r will be, £49.

Monsieur. — Par J. B. Renaut fils

Le result of your telegraph — I am at Grenoble, one after some plans examination with young Pilgrim, our partner. — Meanwhile having lost, I was injuring I observe two the round, # 50. dollars, on yesterday morning = ing, just the amount I letter you already: to have collected, one this amount I have you today one # 30. dollars more beside. —

Other mills common stable, about # 30. dollars, to be collected, one point in, instead mills to about 85 or 90. dollars, when all is collected! — Pilgrim take me yesterday on com- that ting interest keeping you the # 50 — on yesterday or today; I do not have observ- ing it. — I dont believe after all, but every thing smiles come out right with young Pilgrim in the end; it is to- you all right. he plate it to. — —

Thanks - to determine to manage the Nothing in the above on this from - I point.

Monsieur, Paris 1882. [illegible]

Monsieur —

I answer

to the [illegible] of your letter of the 28. current. — We have the [illegible] to suit you our taste. — We have [illegible] Bien: of Lumber — of Lumber - to go this stick our agent; made started, one suit me letter, telling me what to do. — I will suit you just as soon as I have Emily on as to. —

I am to suit honour suits I have your Decoration. — Since I may the you good result yesterday for the # 50. chique. — It is the first time I have [illegible] one chiffre that he has a manner of the material in two temperature; however it is better to the chimney room, than never. —

Henry Wilkins. [illegible] Count Eugene Emily Count Wilkins. We — Get close — excepting himself he was a very fine fellow, but have to take you have letter to have fit of clothing, as I have heard. — only go take Count on letter Pilgrim this, do be in the heart, — was believe me, — yours, W.

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"Fishery Overseer's Office.-
Hamilton 28. april 1882. -

Sir,

I Have the honor to send you Bank draft, No: for the sum of Eighty dollars.-

Will you be pleased to apply this amount, for the current year as follows:

1. August Schomacher, Port Maitland, For a Boat licence to fish 1000. yards of Herring. White fish and pickerel gill Nets in Lake Erie, in front of the Township of Dunna, between Horse Shoe Harbour point, and the mouth of the Grand River, Vz. Vz. Vz.
already received and delivered.... $10.00.

2. Messrs Chester A. Harris, and John Harris, Port Erie, For Seine Hauling licence in Niagara River there, already received and delivered, sent now on acct. $20.00

3. Henry Ross. Port Maitland, For a seine hauling licence to fish two Seines 300. yards each; in Lake Erie, on two Seine hauling grounds, situated west of the mouth of the Grand River, township of Dunna, at present also occupied by August Schomacher; and to extend east of the mouth of the Grand River, for ½ a Mile, township of Moulton; and to extend from Port Maitland, up the Grand River, to upper end of Grand Reach; Also the privilege of Fishing Pen Hoop Nets, only within said River limits; licence fee for all fishing, must be $20.- Amount now sent you on account.... $15.00

4. John Reid, Haldimand, For a licence to fish One Seine, 80 yards long, in Sulphur Creek, between the Road Bridge, and Waste gate: at Haldimand; and also the privilege of fishing the same in the Grand River, between the dam at Dunville, and the lower end of the Grand Cut, a distance of about 2½ Miles; Licence fee to be $5. the amount now sent you is only. - $4.00

5. Messrs John Clarkson, and Archibald Gordon, of Haldimand.... do. do. do. do.— $4.00

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6. John Green, and Gourley Green, of Dunville. "For Seine
licence, do. do. do. do $4.00.

7. Henry Green, and Walter Shelly, of Dunville,
For do. do. do. do. do. } $4.00.

8. Richard Pugh. Molton. For Seine hauling licence,
$5. already received; now sent on apt. } $4.00

9. Thomas Robertson. of York. For a licence to fish
One Seine in the Grand River, between Indiana,
and York. — County of Haldimand. — — — } $10.00.

10. Silas Young. do. — For a licence to fish one
dip Net. in Grand River at York. — — — } $1.00.

11. J. W. Senior, Haldimand. For a licence to fish one
dip Net. in Sulphur Creek, at Haldimand. — } $1.00.

12. J. Bessie. Haldimand. — For do, do, do, $1.00.

13. John Hammond, do, do, do, do, $1.00.

14. Benjamin Crow. Dunville. — For a licence to fish
One Hoop Net. in the waters of the Grand River in
front of the Bolton, Estate. — — — } $1.00.

Total $80.00.

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant licences
immediately to the different persons Numbered below and forward to
me for delivery. — Nos: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14. — And be
pleased to insert all the protective clauses in each licence. —

Do you will please observe $50. dollars of this Money. Rec.
eived from Mr. W. Allan McCrea, acting for Henry Lowe. Fishery
Overseer — Dunville, but at present absent in Manitoba. —

When I received Mr. S. P. Bancetts — Telegraph — I went up
to Dunville; and I succeeded in getting this Money for the
department. — Have with due respect.

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir, —
Your Obedient Servant,
A. W. Stark.
Fishery Overseer.

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Fishery Overseer's Office. —
Hamilton, 28. April 1882. —

Sir

I Have the honor to recommend that you will be pleased to send Mr W. Allan McCrea of Dunville, acting for Mr Henry Lane — Fishery Overseer — absent in Manitoba; Salary for quarter ending 31st March last. —

If he as Kept on there, for I Have heard it said Mr Lane, will not return to Dunville: McCrea may be allowed ten dollars Boat hire, for to capture some of the Farmers, who illegally spear fish with light Jacks in the Grand River, between Dunville and Cayuga. —

Please send me cheque, when you are sending me the licenses. — And with due respect,

I Have the Honor to be,

Sir —

Your Obedient Servant,

H. W. Lane

Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Com^r of Fisheries.
Ottawa. —

Fishery Overseer's Office,
Hamilton, 28. April 1882. —

Sir.

I have the honor to apply to you, for a licence to fish one Seine 80 yards long in Sulphur Creek, between the Road Bridge, and Waste Gate, at Haldimand, also the privilege of fishing the same in the Grand River, between the dam at Dunville, and the lower end of the Gravel bed, a distance of about 2½ Miles down the River. —

And I recommend that you will be pleased to grant the same and send to me at once for delivery. ——

1, George Brokes, of Dunville, 80 yard Seine, amount. $5.00.
2, William Burnham. — do, do do. $5.00.

And please insert the the protective clauses, and send to me; I will soon have them pay up. —

And with due respect. —

I Have the Honor to be. —

Sir. —

Your Obedient Servant,
John W. Kerr,
Fishery Overseer. —

W. F. Whitcher Esq.
Com: of Fisheries. —
Ottawa. —

Gentlemen.-

I send licences (2.) this day for Mr Richard Burgh @ $5.- Mr Burgh, it appears has already paid $4. to Mr W. Allan McCrea, of Dunnville, acting for Mr Henry Lewis.- fishery Overseer, about in Manitoba: I have received this $4. for the Dt.- department, Ottawa; and I have marked it paid on back of licence. $4. leaving $1. still due to me, which $1.- please send me immediately. The licence fee is $5.- for every semi fishing.-

Mr Michener, you will please find your own licence sent you per Mail today.- I hope you will all have good success, read over your licences carefully, and obey the Laws, as therein set forth.- It has been reported to the department that you permit fishing on Saturday night; hence the prosecution clauses in both your licenses.- You have no power to permit any man to haul on your licensed ground unless he has a licence to fish on same other ground himself, besides your licence gives you to fish only one Seine

Should you require any information in future, on any matter or thing connected with your fisheries, by writing to me at any time, I will be glad to serve you.- As in future I will take charge of plankton Bay, fishery myself.- I was in Dunnville, on yesterday morning again, myself! and young McCrea, paid over to me $50. because fees, he had collected; I will send this Money, this afternoon to Ottawa.- I forward on my official bond, your licence, now sent.-

And believe me, Gentlemen,

Yours Sincerely.-

J. W. Sheriff

Fishery Overseer,

Hamilton Ont.o

28. April 1882.-

Mess.rs Isaac Michener.

and

Richard Burgh.-

Low Banks - P. Office.-

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P.S. Be warm friends one with the other, you have plenty of room to haul without crowding.- J. W. S.

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Gentlemen. —

I have received (2) this day by
the Indiana Eagle & Mr. Hall, it appears he
cleared (paid) $4. for the letter, & I have
written, putting by the Hon. Calvin Fletcher
in Indianapolis: I have received this $4. for the Ex-
change, & have credited it accordingly.
I have now written to Mr. Hall to send
me what $4. I have due me immediately.
We receive Eve is $2.— per annum paying.

The Merchants Exchange Bank pays one
half per cent per annum interest on
deposits for 60 days, & one per cent
per annum for a longer time. — I have
written Mr. Hall that I will take charge of
his Notes &c. in Cincinnati, & will sell
them for him, & remit the proceeds
as directed. — Please send me a
Statement of your Account with
me, & I will remit the balance
due me. —

Yours truly,
Wm. H. Harrison.

Gideon Bennett
Attorney at Law
Steubenville Ohio

Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 28th ult. was duly received, and I have since been waiting to hear from Mr. Hall, in order that I might write you definitely on the subject of your business with him. I have not yet received any letter from him, but I have no doubt that he will remit the money to you in a few days. I will write you again as soon as I hear from him.

Yours truly,
Wm. H. Harrison.

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Memorandum for Mr. S. P. Ramsay,
Fisheries department
Ottawa.

Please send the Canada 3 cts
stamps 1 of each
1 Ind.

Yours respectfully,
J. Wilkie
Fishery Overseer

Hamilton Ont.
29 April 1882

Mr. S. P. Ramsay,
Fisheries department
Ottawa.

Dear Sir,—

On my return home, after I last saw you in Rainham; I applied for your license for to fish Two Boats with single lines or pots, each, in Lake Erie, in front of Lots Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, in West concession of the Township of Rainham County of Haldimand.— The license fee will be $1.00 cts. each, for this is not seen frequently in our waters.— On receipt of this amount, I will send your license at once to your address at Selkirk.— Believe me,

Yours truly,
John Wilkie
Fishery Overseer
Hamilton, Ont.
28. April 1882.

Mr. Darius Lucky,
Fisherman,
Selkirk.— Post office.
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Fishery Overseers office.—
Hamilton, 29. April 1882.—

Sir,

I have the Honor to receive your letter of 26th instant, complaining;— "Persons living about Dundas complain that the waters are blockaded with fishing nets, or that no fish can reach them although they say, they pay for fishing Licenses".——

In reply, I have to report there are no licenses in existence at present in, or about the Town of Dundas,— or in any place else for fishing gill Nets, in B. Bay, and Dundas Marsh; Spearing licenses — & pike Gill net licenses dec expired on the 15th inst.——

I believe I am entitled to Names of those persons, who in applying to you, threaten resistance to capture the persons if so offending;— for except absent on duty I am always here, and if appealed by those persons, your informants, I would gladly join the blockade of Nets.— I hope you will give me the Names of the persons who have complained.—— I will in the mean time look around, and endeavour to capture one gill Nets, if I find any illegally set——.

I have the Honor to be,—
Sir,—
Your obedient Servant
John W. Kerr
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Supt. of Fisheries—
Ottawa. . . . .

Immediate!

Hamilton, Ontario
30. April 1882.

My dear Sir,

I had a letter from your father the other day, he desired me to write you to have some 20.000 Salmon Trout fry. planted in Lake Medad, Township of Nelson, and in the New County of North Wentworth. --

It is situated about 3 Miles from the Water-down Station of the Great Western Railway. on the Toronto Branch. — If you will telegraph a day before you send the fry. to Thomas Stock Esqre of Waterdown, — when to meet you, he will be there to convey you and fry to the Lake. — It is 55 or 60 Acres of water, with a stream running out of it all the time, down through the Village of Water-down, and empties into Burlington Bay. at the Valley Town, Burlington Heights, two miles of Hamilton. --

Again! your father wished me to write to remind you to send all the various fry's to Puslinch Lake. — Viz. Salmon Trout fry. 20.000, White fish fry 20.000. and Speckled Trout fry 5.000. —

My arriving in Hamilton. so as to connect with 3.25. p.m. train — for Galmarstown, you will reach Morpeler Station on the W. Grey. and Bruce Railway. at about 5.50. p.m. Puslinch Lake — is about 2. Miles back from Morpeler, with a good gravel Road to drive over, — All you have to do, is to telegraph John Davidson Esqre of Guelph, to meet you, at Morpeler Station, to convey the fry to the Lake and he will do so. — This Lake, empties into the Speed, which empties into Grand River, that enters Lake Erie at Port Maitland. — I hope their will be no disappointment this year. — A Salmon 21. pound weight, was caught early part of this month in L. Erie. —

Yours Sincerely. —
John W. Kerr. —
Fishery Overseer.

Charles Wilmot Esqre
Newcastle, Ontario

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Fishery Overseers Office.

Sir,

Hamilton, 29. April 1882.—

In addition to my report Mailed to you this morning respecting:- "Persons living about Dundas complain that "the waters are blockaded with fishing nets, or that no fish can "reach them, although they say, the pay for fishing licenses".—

—I now here say, for your information, to what I have already reported: that I have carefully examined to-day every nook, corner and places where gill nets were likely to be set in the waters of Dundas Marsh, and upper end of Burlington Bay: and I have also enquired, and made enquiry from reliable spearing fishermen, who have speared pike on Dundas Marsh this year, previous to the 15th instant; when spearing ceased, and they stated to me, they had speared more pike, than they required in their own family.— Those men are farmers, who live on Dundas Marsh; every March and April, late out, and [illegible] up to my recently and they possitively state no gill nets have been fished there this year.—

Now I hope you will give me the Name of your informant who if he wanted to stop illegal fishing, would have evidently apprised me, and not by a round about way.—

I know every man who paid licenses last fall, for spearing up to 15th April, this year; and I do not believe any single man of them, would lie to your informant about me.— Of course I am aware that a few farmers have caught suckers in Dundas Creek, near the bottom factory), a privilege granted as a free gift by you.—

And our own poor pike Gill net fishermen; resident on B. Beach; say about 12 Miles away from Dundas; have done very little in catching pike this spring.—

In consequence of the strange unsettled state of the

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Com[r]. of Fisheries,
Ottawa.—

weather, during the past winter; Spearing was also a failure; and if your informant had any thing of the man about him; by observing the season and signs of the weather, he might have discovered that something else besides an imaginary blockade of Ice, Nets prevented the fish being speared this year by Dundas people, although they say, they pay licence for fishing. —

For instance on the 5th of December last, I sent you Bank drafts, No: 116, and No: 120, — for £20.50. —

On the 13. of December last, per draft No: 149. — I sent you £11.00, more, for spearing licences. — And I received today £1, — which I will send you in due time. — Spearing during last winter, was spoiled for want of Ice, We had no snow nor sleighing here at all. — And in fact there was no spearing done through the Ice in B. bay, and Dundas parish. — The fishermen put out their fish Houses, and they have never been there since, some were carried away. — Hence why! I collected so little money, for spearing. —

The fall net fishing, in the lower end of B. bay, has also been spoiled for want of Ice; and I have only collected and sent you £3, thus far, on account of this kind of fishing. — And it has been so slim; that I shall have to charge only in proportion to the small catch made. — —

Ice is a great regulator of our fisheries. Vs. Vs. Vs.

I Hope you will not withhold from me the Name of the informant in this case; and when I get it, I will go and see him, and get from him the names of the owners of Nets that blockaded the fish away from Dundas fishermen. — For having noised the matter so far away from home, he can have no objection to tell me a little, even now.

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir, —
Your Obedient Servant
Thos. W. Keir,
Fishery Overseer.

Fisheries Overseers Office.—
Hamilton. 2. May 1882.—

Sir.

I have the honor to send you Bank draft, No: 9. for the sum of Thirteen Dollars.—

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as Licenses fees, for pike gills net fishing in Burlington Bay, up to, and ending the 15. April 1882. viz:—

1. David Fitch. Burlington Beach; For a Bount License to fish 800 yards of Pike gills nets in B. bay. East of a line run from Hamilton, and Grants fence to Martin's Wharf on B. beach;— amount in full,— $2.00
2. Alexander Rollo, do, 250. do, do, " 2.00.
3. Charles Kauffman. do 400. yards.— do, do, " 2.00.
4. Maurice Casey. — do. 300. do, do. do, " 2.00.
5. Dan: McGuyne. do. 600, do. do, do. " 2.00.
6. Ben: Fields,— do. 500, do. do. — do. " 2.00.
7. John Stevenson, Hamilton. For licence to spear pike. Fs. in Burlington Bay, and Dundas Marsh, between 1st of January, and 15th day of April 1882. licence already granted. — $1.00

Total.— $13.00

I regret to report that owing to the small quantity of Pike caught this spring, I was obliged to fix the License fees very low.— The principal cause of this was the stormy weather, and the lack of ice in the waters of the Bay.— And with due respect.—

I have the Honor to be,
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant.
John W. Kerr.—
Fishery Overseer.—

To. F. Whitcher Esq. Supt.
Dom: of Fisheries,—
Ottawa.—

Fishery Overseer's Office,—
Hamilton, 2. day 1852.—

Sir

I have the honor to apply to you for a Seine Fishing License to fish in Burlington Bay, or Burlington Beach, up to and ending on 24th day of May 1852.—

A. Ellsworth Rolls, Burlington Beach, Seine License to fish one Seine 220 yards long on fishing Station No: 8. in B. Bay on B. Beach— 5:00½

A. Daniel Mayburger, do, do, do, do fishing Station No: 10.— do, do. 5:00

D. F. N. Casey, do, do, do.— on fishing Station No: 5.— do, do. 5:00

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant these licenses, as soon as convenient, and inclose the particular sums therein.—

The fish to be caught, are principally Suckers, and Herring, and with due respect

I have the Honor to be,
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
J. Wright
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Wilcocks Esqr
Secretary of Fisheries.—
Ottawa.—

Fishery Overseer's Office.—
Hamilton, 2. May 1882.—

Sir.

I have the honor to apply to you for a license; to be issued to Mr. H. L. Bastien of Hamilton for fishing Station No: 1. in Burlington Bay, on A. Beach.— To be the same as last year.— $5.00/.

Also for a license to be issued to Mr. Williams pleasure, of Hamilton, for fishing Station No: 4 in Burlington Bay, on B. Beach.— To be same as last year, and the amount, to be $5.00/.

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant those licenses, as soon as convenient.

And with due respect,

I have the Honor to be,
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant,
H. Lee Law.—
Fishery Overseer.—

W. F. Wilkie Esq.
Com: of Fisheries.—
Ottawa.—

Private and Confidential.

Hamilton
14th May 1882.

Messrs Wilmot, ---

I am in receipt of your letter, and I ha — to your son about the Inf. for Ensleigh Lake, and Lake Piccadoo. — Except that I was born in Ireland 23rd June 1819 I have no sympathy, with the Murdering class of Irish; and for 65 years of my life I have known them as no other do. Of course there are a great many good men amongst them, but in any case I am to be always [illegible] the side of the landlord [illegible] separate me from them. I am acquainted with [illegible] (Smith) of Rathcoffey, Maynooth, Kildare my own Native County; who was basely fired at, when his sisterinlaw was shot, and killed what has [illegible] The greater part of dec. Smythes property was willed to him by his [illegible] of Marriage, James Gibbons to Miss [illegible] Ballinagall. — who purchased and paid for the property. Mr Gibbons was unmarried, & with his father having made a large fortune out in India — Woken in 1841, — I was at a place called Rathcahow as a Head Constable of the R.I. (Irish Constabulary) Force, I was fired at, returned the fire, and wounded the man who fired at me; and I took a prisoner and the Gun that was fired at me. This same Mr Gibbons was my personal friend, and [illegible] plenty to [illegible] of [illegible] for me. I was put on the dock as a [illegible] to shoot [illegible] range; when for 2 hours as the [illegible] that could be [illegible] was sworn against me; I was honorably acquitted; and mine & Mr Gibbons, and his Attorney Mr Smythe, remained until 8 o'clock p.m. in Court, until the Verdict of not guilty was returned. And when that Verdict

of not guilty was brought in, the claim that was given by Mr Fillmore Mr Smythe, and at least 200 other Gentlemen, K. K, was extinguished.— And I am aware that when Mr Fitzpatrick and Mr Smythe got home from Stuttgart & Darmstadt, the family said, the first expression they used was; Oh woe! or Woe is me! Head Constable Kerr is personally a good Fellow. — I was the Landlords friend then, and I am so still; —

When the late Lieutenant General Sir Duncan McGregor, Bart; who was then Inspector General of the Royal Irish Constabulary sent for me, he said in conversation to me that it was a deep laid conspiracy to deprive the County of Meath, of one of its most efficient officers; and instead of being sent away to the County of Cork; as a first creation of my own life; I was retained in the County of Dublin. — I had a Force of 25 men under me at Ballinahown, and I was there to protect three Men, viz Kieran Daly

a Mr Lennon, and I did protect them. But while I was away from there, under suspension, and out on Bail, Kennedy was fired at, and wounded in the Head; and Kieran Daly, was murdered, his throat was cut, and his tongue was pulled out through the cut and was found on his breast, when his murdered body was found. — But the planning Men have not found me out, I was protecting them while at Ballinahown, I tell you this little incident of my life, so that you may always know where to find me as regards Ireland, and the Irish. — Kieran Daly, had been a Ribbonman, became a Land Bailiff, however why he was shot, and killed and his throat cut, as I have described it, I was wounded in my right leg, by Joe Kenny, who, was one of an Armed party of five fired at me, I returned the fire and being loaded in one barrel, with twelve Lucan drops, I

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[illegible] Dublin, [illegible]

[illegible] Dublin, [illegible]

[illegible] Dublin, [

at his thighs, and when I fired at him as he crossed me coming for Miss Shannon, to escape after he had just fired at me, and I had called on him to stand and deliver up his Gun! every person drop struck him. or the Gun in his Hand! — I could see the dust fly out of his coarse breeches, — I observed him yield to the shot, when I struck him at a distance of about 80 yards, — It was only after I told him, if he did not give up the gun, I would send something heavier at him! that he dropped the Gun, made for the Shannon, and crossed over Jas Westmeath to Roscommon, I picked up the Gun, and I took another of the party prisoner before my own party of Police, except one man named Hayes got up to me; — A true Bill was found against Joseph Kenny, for just firing at me, but I was pleased just as my Trial, and acquitted; and then I returned with the Inspection of the Gun [illegible] to present; Kenny,

and such a thankful man, you never beheld as this man Jos Kenny, proved himself, he promised if I came back again to Ballinahown, no more Outrages would be committed, and that if any more shooting was in contemplation, he would apprise me before hand, so that I could capture the offenders. — When Kennedy was fired at, and wounded; Lt. John Lewis, who was to Lea Lord of Ballinahown, applied to the Lord Lieutenant (the) of Ireland, to send me back and augment the Station, Glenamalla, the County Inspector to whom the application was submitted for Report, replied he would not recommend it — for if I was sent back a person would shoot me, or I would shoot some body, —

His shooting affair happened on a Sunday, when this same party came to attack a Church, and assassinate all James Kennedy, imagining I had permitted the [illegible] Policeman under me to go to church; I was however equal to the

attack, and frustrated it. — You need not say Pa died to me any more. —

Here is no inducement on earth could induce me to do what I have heard on House of Commons done recently; pass a measure in behalf of plunderers, &c. &c. I can tell you, great deal more, but I will not do any thing so. — Of course the Irish will be a source of trouble to their own; but I would they enjoy it! — Please to consider — who about an innocent lady, I mean no indulgence of any kind whatever, so much for the Irish; if I happened to be born, instead of unhappily being born in Ireland, I suppose I would have a Irish Antipathy at Foreigners more than 16 years ago. — I have had so many promises made me, & broken again about it, by you, Pa, Whistler, and the Irish; that I have now come to the conclusion to apply no more! if you do help me, make me good, I shall never [illegible] to you, but what [illegible]

not be effected myself. —

A salmon 21 pounds was caught the other day at the pitch, in Lake Erie, near Point Pelee, township of Rochester. — It had a head like a golden fish, a fish-hook, more in nicely shaped, back bent round, and little sparks all over the body, and the colour of the flesh, under the skin — cooked was just as to a [illegible] such was entitled you to me. — [illegible] Dear. — — — Do You wished me to write you; I send you this letter as a variety from all my previous correspondence ... I am loyal and true to England, and our National Queen, and I think under your brave Hands, may George the third, [illegible] George the Fourth, William the fourth, and our Noble Queen Victoria; and I am a staunch Conservative at Home and abroad — as my father and forefather was before me; and believe me as ever — [illegible] Without hope. Yours fraternally — Hamm. — [illegible] Stevens

Fishery Overseer's office. -

Hamilton, 2. June 1882. --

Sir

I have the honor to report that I had Mr W. & J. Brown, Manager of the Cotton Works, on James street, North of the Great Western Railway, Hamilton, summonsed up before James Cahill Esqre J.P., Police Magistate, Hamilton, this morning; "For permitting dye stuffs, chemical substances, "drugs and poisonous matter to pass into the waters of "Burlington Bay, situated in the City, and within the "City limits of Hamilton; whereby large quantities of the "young fry of fish were killed and destroyed". --

I made the discovery myself of this matter on last saturday, when I observed the poisonous stuff, myself issuing out of a square Wooden pipe, into the waters of Burlington bay between two wharfs situated in B. Bay in front of the Great Western Railway. This wooden pipe is connected with the Cotton Factory, which is upwards of 200 yards, away from the Bay; - where this deadly stuff enters the water. - It was only during last week, for the first time it was discovered running from the pipe into the waters of Burlington Bay. -

It is very black thick stuff; when it first enters the waters of the Bay, but since then it has spread all over and polluted the water in the corner of Burlington Bay, where it first entered; for a distance of about 150, yards, giving the water within this space a kind of brown hue and colour.

After hearing evidence, the case was adjourned until this day fortnight, so that I might report, and have the stuff analysed, and so establish its deadly injurious effects on the fish of Burlington Bay; - awaiting your authority to have this done. - And with due respect. -

I have the Honor to be

for ---

Your Obedient Servt

John Tuck, J. P.

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Com: of Fisheries -
Ottawa. - - -

O.S. - P.S. - Since I last wrote you on a similar matter, I have seen person Dundas Smith, who he was manager of Dundas Factory.

Private!

My dear Sir.—

I received from the Fisheries department, Ottawa, on yesterday, a copy of the letter, dated 29th of April last, of your appointment.— I congratulate you on your success in getting Mr. Hay's Lawe's place.— About your Salary for last quarter, I recommended on my return home on 28th of April last, that it be sent to you, and $10. for incidental expenses; and to this Mr. Bennet replies thus:— "I send the funds from Mr. Jones Treasy last, and about $1. June, for half year's Rent as other Bailiffs, who are paid every Three months??— I had a telegraph from Rainham on yesterday evening telling me Cullers from Dunville were selling fish at Rainham. Now your plan to stop this instantly, is to get up early some fine morning, and go out about 3 Miles on the Rainham Road and wait the arrival of the Cart.—

I have no doubt you will detect the offence of the Law, if you find fish, seize them and ascertain from whom the Peddar got the Fish, this done, prosecute them one and all; you cant sell the fish you seize, so, you bestow them to some one.—

I sent the $50 I received from you together with $30 I got from another quarter to the Fisheries department, Ottawa, on 28th of April last, and I recommended that each of those small Towns and Villages should each pay $5 for this year, it is most likely when those Licenses come to hand you will find this so — if so be sure and collect the additional dollar from each Municipality Fees I recommended should pay $20— you will get $5, additional from them. You will find the Licenses when you receive them, contain a close season protective clause "Viz:— 6 p.m. on saturday night and 6, a.m. on the following Monday morning "in each week".— Then again you will please find that all Muddy Bay &c.—

Dear Sir!

I received from the Philadelphia department store: one pair of pants at the price of $2.50 per pair. Please send me the same amount of pants as soon as possible. — Please send me the pants in a package. — Please send me the pants as soon as possible. — Please send me the pants as soon as possible. — Please send me the pants as soon as possible

belongs to myself individually, — I received the
[illegible] "Hawes, Jr" "chard Pugh, and
[illegible] Low Banks. P. offices, and
I wrote an despatched [illegible] same to them,
on 28th of last Inst. — and I wrote to Mr
Pugh for the additional 1. —

I don't know if there is any thing more
for me to write you about just now. — Be
active, industrious and intelligent in the dis=
charge of your public duties as Coroner —
be firm and determined for at your age 28
your career in life should be fixed, and
established; you can do a great deal by
assiduity to the following and avoid be-
ing tyrannical. — By a Circular issued from
the department Ottawa: Whenever you are
the Complainant you get ½ — all the fine goes to
the Government: When any one else complains
they are entitled to half the fine: — and the
other half goes to the P. dept Ottawa. —
For attending Court, you are entitled to
three fees. — —

I find by the Mail, that your Uncle the
Police Magistrate at Chatham is dead. I hope
he is happy. — Remember me very kindly,
and warmly to your father, and please
tell him my sympathy's are with him. —
And now in conclusion, if at any time
you require any information that I can
give you, do not hesitate for a moment
in writing me. — and with my profound
regard am — esteem. —

Believe me Very Sincerely Yours, —

John W. Kerr

Fishery Overseer —
Hamilton, Ont.
2 May 1862.

W. Allan McBrien Esq. —
Fishery Overseer —
Dunnville Ont

Fishery Overseer's Office,—
Hamilton, 3, May 1882.—

Sir.

I have the honor to apply to you for a license in behalf of Mr Daniel Marks. of Frenchmans Bay; township of Pickering;- for to fish one white fish Seine 250, yards long in Lake Ontario; say between the west pier of the Harbour and Frenchmans bank, township of Pickering. amount is to be the same as for Messrs George Marks and for last year. that is to say; $ 10.00 ct.

2. Thomas Mansfield. Frenchmans Bay. For a license to fish one Seine in Lake Ontario, at Frenchmans Bay. to be the same as last year. —

3. Thomas Mansfield, do. For a Boat license to fish for Salmon Trout, White fish and Herring; to be the same as last year. —

And will you be pleased to insert also in those licenses all the protection clauses for young white fish and Salmon; as well as Saturday Night, &c. &c. close season. — I recommend that Licenses may be granted as soon as Convenient. — And with due respect. —

I have the Honor to be. —

Sir. —

Your Obedient Servant.

John W Kerr

Fishery Overseer.

W F Whitcher Esqre
Com^r^ of Fisheries —
Ottawa. . .

Immediate.

Memorandum. — for Mr. S. P. Bansel,
Fisheries department,
Ottawa. —

On 25th of April last, I reported to The Commissioner of Fisheries, that small Salmon Trout, were being caught by fishermen in Lake Huron, and shipped in the Barrels to Hamilton fish dealers. — Today I saw Mr. John Davis, and he gave me one of those small Trout; it is 14 inches long, and weighs 11 ounces. — After thinking the matter over I have come to the conclusion that those trout have been caught by the teeth; and when the Nets are being picked up, should be liberated alive instead of which the gill net is hauled into the Boat, with the fish gilled and caught by the teeth, coming in contact with the mesh; the thread of the mesh. I believe moreover that those small trout, are a portion of those planted in Lake Huron

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by Mr. Wilmot; and should be protected in their youth, and orders to liberate them alive should be enforced at once, as every barrel received at Hamilton contains about a dozen of those small trout. —

Instead of the fish being taken out of the gills Nets, as they are fished up; they are heaped up, fish and all in the Boat, and on the entire gang of Nets being fished up; the crew and boat then returns to Port, and it is during the sailing back from the fishing ground that the fish "then all dead" are taken from, and out of the gill nets. — It is very easy to liberate all those small trout alive I hope you will be pleased to write Mr. Curran at Southampton, —

and oblige Yours &c. — &c. — &c. —

John Wilkes. —
J. Curran. —

Hamilton, C. W.
3. May 1852.

Fishery Overseers office.—

Hamilton, 4. May 1882.—

Sir.—

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank draft No: 18. for the sum of Thirty dollars.—

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as license fees for this current year as follows;

1. Daniel Marks, Frenchmans Bay; For Seine hauling license already applied for. Vide. on account.— — — $ 5.00 ct.

2. Charles Ferris, Turkey point.— For Boat license to fish 200 Sturgeon Hooks, and Night lines in Lake Erie at New cut in the Township of Walsingham.— please send me license,— 1.00 ct.

3. Robert Ferris, Turkey point, For Boat license to fish 200 Sturgeon Hooks Vide in Lake Erie, in the township of Walsingham East of New cut. do do do 1.00 ct.

4. Daniel Wardell Walsingham For Boat license to fish 200 Sturgeon Hooks, Vide, 30 Rods East of New cut in Lake Erie township of Walsingham — do, do, do, 1.00 ct.

5, Clinton Rounds Walsingham For Boat license to fish 200 Sturgeon Hooks, Vide, in Lake Erie on the East 30 Rods, in front of Lot No: 10, Broken Front, township Walsingham.— do, do do 1.00 ct.

6 C. S. Rounds Walsingham — For Boat license to fish 200 Hooks and lines for Sturgeon in Lake Erie in front of East 30 Rods of Lot No: 10, Broken Front township of Walsingham.— do do do, 1.00 ct.

P.S. Please search the protection clauses in all those licenses which I recommend may be granted immediately.— Yours.

7.— Jos: Leach Houghton For license to fish One Seine 150 yards long in Lake Erie in front of lot, No: , in the 1st Con: of Houghton do, do, do, 5.00 ct.

8, William Snook, Turkey point, For a license to fish one Seine on Lot, No: of Lake Erie Outer Bay, already received and delivered long since now paid for. — — 15.00 ct.

I have the Honor to be,— Total $ 30.00 ct.

Sir,—

Your obedient Servant

John W. Kerr —

Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esq Dy Com: of Fisheries, Ottawa.

Fishery Overseers office.—
Hamilton, 5, May 1882.—

Sir

I have the honor to enclose for your perusal, and information copies of letters, with a sketch, I have recently received from Mr Thomas W. Walsh, D.L.S.,—of Simcoe in the County of Norfolk, who was employed recently by Mr William Smooks, without any reference to me whatever, to re-survey a boundary line, between fishing stations Nos 3, and 4, in Outer Bay, Lake Erie, at Turkey point.—Mr Walsh, and Mr Smook, represent that William Hallines Seine hauled and fished, on a portion of Smooks seine hauling ground No: 4.—but they do not say that they ever attempted to prevent them; And hence the F. department, is now called upon by them, to see that Redress is made compensate Smook for trespass; Smook is put in possession of he now wants to fishing ground covered by his license, and be paid by the department for this unauthorized Survey just recently made.—

I cannot agree to do any of these things; for as far back, as the 13th of February last, I sent Mr Smook his license for fishing station No: 4, I also wrote Mr Smook, at the same time copy herewith, No: 1.—

It was only on the 3rd instant I received his license for 15, for this fishery; I waited on him patiently for this money whilst almost all the other fishermen paid me their license money, as far back, as the 1st day of March last.—Copy of this letter No. 1, will explain itself, and be I hope satisfactory.—

Smook on 1st March, represented to me, that No: 4, station, was only a summer fishing ground,

W. F. Whitelaw Esqre
Com: of Fisheries,
Ottawa.—

and he would buy and sell it to John William Helmers son. —

Had Swook gone and occupied No: 4, fishing station, as staked on 27th May 1881, — when he received his license for this year, all this extra writing would be avoided; he was present when Mr Walsh made survey on 27th of May last. — I cannot in justice to the department, recommend now that the Fisheries department compensate Mr Swook for his own neglect or for a re survey. — As far back as 13th February last, I recommended fairly the course he was then to pursue in this case: — And afterwards on the 1st March last, advised what he was to do if he was trespassed upon; — I presume Swook himself is the proper person, to institute proceedings, and not the Fisheries department, as a matter of course I am willing to assist any fisherman by all legitimate means in my power, but not one man more than another. — And more recently, on 22d of April last, I wrote Mr Owen Bowers J. Guardian on this station, No: 4, matter: Copy No 2, attached: Also No: 1, attached. —

And now in conclusion, as regards Station No: 6. — Mr Swook, handed thereon this year, just as he had a mind to; my instructions to Hawk Jackson, and Crew, was not to come in contact with him but wait patiently, until the matter in dispute, reported upon by me, was adjudicated thereon by you. — My report dated 10th April will furnish you with particulars. — And with due respect —

I Have the Honor to be,

Sir, —

Your Obedient Servant

John W Kell —

(2,) Fishery Overseer

Copy.-

St Williams, ---
19. April 1882.-

J. W. Kerr Esqre
Overseer of Fisheries.-
Hamilton. - - - -

Dear Sir

At the cost of Mr Snook I went yesterday to limit between Fishery grounds 3 and 4 Outer Bay of Turkey point New Survey and join the inland range a small tree) gone and William Nelson an actual occupation of 27 rods of the Frontage of No. 4.- up to old survey of 1875, he was hauling in his Net, when I was there on the grounds leased to Mr Snook.- The use by Nelson of over 1/4 the width of Snooks grounds all the spring has rendered the Remainder of No: 4 useless.- I hope the Report [illegible] as made to compensate for the loss and that Snook is put in possession of the ground leased by his Lease as well as compensated by [illegible].- I also went up to the inner Bay of Long point and the ranges of centre of No 6 as to changes as to materially [illegible] of centre marking the new front line of No. 6 [illegible]. When I get home as to be able to refer to the plan of Inner Bay survey of 1875, I will draw a sketch showing the Inner Bay trouble between Snook & Lemon. I leave the range between 3 & 4 Outer Bay I hope you will give the matter your attention I will mail the sketch on Monday next as I want to have with them.

Your obedient Servant
Signed.- F. W. Wells. D. F. B.-

P.S.

It will be better to take no action in Inner Bay matter, until you receive my sketch and report, as I did not know of trouble there, I was not prepared with copy of Old notes of Inner Bay survey as I was with Outer Bay. New Survey, of 1881. to enable report Authoritively until I see old plan and notes of Inner Bay Survey.-

F. W. W.-

No: 1.—

Copy.—

Hamilton, Ontario,
13. February 1882.—

My dear Snook.—

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, and I now enclose to you, your licence for to fish in the Outer Bay, in Lake Erie, at Turkey point, one fishing station No: 4, according to the plan and survey made by Mr Thomas Walsh, P. L. Surveyor, dated 24th May 1881.——

All you have to do now is, for to get Frank Jackson, or any disinterested person to put up two poles in line, one in rear of the other, as staked out by Mr Walsh; place a small flag or piece of Calico on the top of each pole; and Mr Wm Helmer, after you do this, can be fined $100. and Costs, if he trespasses within your licensed limits, without your permission.— And he will also forfeit his Net, Boat and lines used for Seine hauling, if convicted.—

You give him fair warning to keep off your Seine hauling ground; and take some reliable person with you: when you verbally Notice him to keep off your ground.— Do this on receipt of your licence which I now send you.— You have a fishery Act, read the 13 Section of that Act; for your authority and guidance.——

I will come up myself early next week but you need not say so, abroad &c. &c. &c ——

Yours, &c. &c. &c

J. W. Stark —
Fishery Overseer

Mr Wm Snook, —
Fisherman,
Turkey Point —
Normandale, Post office. =

No: 4,

Copy.— Extract.—

Hamilton, Ont.o

22. April 1882.—

I want you on receipt of this, to proceed early, the next morning to Turkey point, and place William Snook, fisherman of Turkey point, in possession of fishing station No: 4.— in Lake Erie, Outar Bay, same as was surveyed out for him last year, and recently by Mr. Walsh, and for which he holds a license; the fee is $15, dollars, for this year, get the amount from Snook, and send it to me for the department.—

You may tell Snook, as soon as I receive a sketch from Mr. Walsh, I will report on, and send copy of Mr. Walsh's letter, to Fisheries department Ottawa: At same time if Mr. Helmer, has been fishing on No: 4, Seine hauling ground, he can take him before a Magistrate, and fine him to the extent of $100, and Costs; see Section 13. of the Fisheries act.—

Snook himself, knows all this, he has had a similar case of this nature before.— — He would then have to subpoena me, as a witness to prove the license, otherwise the Magistrate, I suppose would not grant me, my expenses.— Read over the Law for Snook bring your act with you.— You should catch some one now fishing illegally;— Look around and stir yourself.—

And never mind my advice, do this duty discreetly and intelligently take notes of the proceedings and report to me Whenever I am wanted, if contentions of the act, are being committed at Turkey point, I will come, you may tell Snook, if telegraphed for!.—

Signed,

John W. Kerr —

Fishery Overseer —

Owen Bowers Esq.re
Special Guardian, —
Port Royal, — Ont.o

No: 2.

Copied from F. Guardian Owen Bowers letter to J. W. Kerr, Fishery Overseer — Hamilton dated 29. April 1880.

In accordance with your instructions I visited Hunters point last Wednesday and Thursday, and placed Wm Snooks fisherman in possession of Seine hauling ground No: 4. — I beg to state that the line as surveyed one year ago or rather the stakes have been removed, as no evidence or trace of their existence could be found. — The Cedar that he planted his mark, stood in a little thicket all of which has been felled by the Woodmans axe. — The notch that was cut in the same log near the beach that was marked, has there still, but it is only seven 1/4 inches diameter, and could have been easily moved a head, so as to alter the ranges, and place Snooks hauling ground in rather a bad shape, causing him to have to draw his fish in an angling direction. — Last year when Mr Walsh made the survey, he measured from the corner of Wm Holmans house noting the direction and distance in his book and when called there recently by Wm Snook, he had no difficulty in finding his last years line. — I had Mr Holman present when I set the ranges, he appeared not to make objection and could not account for the ranges being altered, says he was not present either time, when Mr Walsh surveyed the Point, he seemingly appears innocent in the matter. — I am of the opinion that Mr Snooks has suffered an injustice at the hands of Holman. — The point in dispute was not so much on the shore as in the Lake as it now stands Mr Snook has 27 more yards in the Lake of breadth than he formerly had under Holmans ranges. — Mr Snook desires me to state that he wants some communication from the department for loss of grounds since 1st of January, and thinks they ought to pay the expenses of the last survey. —

(Signed) Owen Bowers

Copy.—

Sunrise.—

J. W. Kerr Esqre
Overseer of Fisheries.—

25. April 1882.—

Dear Sir,—

I send you a sketch of fishing stations 3, and 4, Outer Bay,— and No: 6.— Inner Bay, Shewing the encroachments of Holmes — Outer Bay, and by Jackson's on Inner Bay, and trust that you will see the Brooks set right in the premises his Lease calls for, with as little delay as possible.—

I am,

Your Most Obedient Servt
Ed^d^ H. W. Walsh.—
D. L. S.—

Memorandum by J. W. Kerr —— for Information.—
I directed Mr. Romans. H. Fish^y^ to proceed to H. point, and place Brook in possession of No. 4. Inner fishing ground: with Mr. Walsh's letter of 19th inst. stating no complaint reached me; that Wm. Fish^n^ was actually fishing — Brooks Inner fishing ground No: 4, Outer Bay; Lake Side, Fishing point; I have since heard the owners in whose presence towards Holmes, for fishing on his ground: No: 4.— the 13. Section of the Act, tells the Licensee what to do; Brook, Jackson has a License to fish on the N.W. ½ of No: 6. Inner Bay,— As this Mr. Walsh's letter of complaint, for Brook, was unnecessary as no fishing was being carried on there, when Mr. Walsh recently visited the Inner Bay.— It is about time for Mr. Brook to live at peace with his neighbours,— see Brook Jackson

Hamilton, 5. May 1882.—

Fisheries, D.

Fishery Overseer's Office.
Hamilton 5. May 1862.

Sir,

I have the honor to apply to you for a Boat License, for Mr. John H. Smith, of Beamsville; for to fish 1.000. yards. of White fish, and Herring gills Nets in Lake Ontario, in front of Lots Nos: 17. and 18, Broken Front, Concession, in the Township of Clinton, and to extend from the beach outwards in front of the same for a distance of Four Miles; amount to be $5.00/.

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant the License immediately. - and please insert protective clauses in License. - And with due respect,

I have the Honor to be,
Sir, —
Your Obedient Servant
John W. Kerr
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esq.re
Com.r of Fisheries. -
Ottawa. -

Private.

My dear Mr Bennet,

I send you - long letter today, about a new case, started by Mr Snook.— Jolly or empty, he is never satisfied.— — —

On Wednesday afternoon young Wilmot, brought here from Newcastle Hatchery.- four cans of fry,— One can was planted in Meaford Lake township of Nelson,— It is about 60 acres, of water in extent, the other three cans were taken up by Wilmot, and myself, and planted in Bushluck - Ha, say in Nunnica about 50,000. W. Land California Salmon, Salmon Trout, and a to Jish fry! -

Very cold weather here still, frost almost every night, and Morning. -

Will you be pleased to have the enclosed given, to Mr Samuel Wilmot,— I want about 100,000. Salmon Trout, and California Salmon fry. for Lake Ria, at Port Dover,—

Mr Wallace, M. P., for South Norfolk, wrote me about 3, weeks ago, that a supply was to be sent from Newcastle Hatchery. -

Young Wilmot, has not got Lake Ria at all on his list, for fry distribution,— but he can still manage it, if his father will only say the word. — It would give the Pound Net Fishermen - up there, something New to talk over. - — And with most kindest

I am,—
Your most Obedient
Servant. ——

J. W. Kerr, Esq. M.P.
Hamilton, Ontario.
5th May 1883.

S. P. Bennet Esq
F. department,
Ottawa. —

Transmitted.

My dear Mr. Bennett,

I have seen - long letter
today about a flow case, started by Mr. Bennett. --
Paper empty, so more particulars. - - -

In Monterey, getting young Wilbert through
here from Thomasville. Four cases of
fever. One case planter in pleasant Pike
township of Holmes. It is about 60 miles of
water in extent, the other three cases were
taken up by Wilbert over negroes planted
in Bradford Co; say in Number about 30,000.
Mr. Dr. Robinson Holmes, Holmes about 200
inhabitants!

Very cool weather here still, frost almost
every night, sun shining. -

While you be pleased to turn the enclosed
opinion, to Mr. Thomas Wilbert - I want about
100,000. Holmes Count, our Malignant Holmes
Co. Yes, Dr. Yates has, at Port Thomas, -

Yours,

J. P. Bennett M.D.
Ch. Department.
Athens, Ga.

Mr. Wilbert, M.D., Dr. South Florida, must
are about 3. weeks ago, that a supply was
to be sent from Thomasville Hospital. -
Young Wilbert has not got clothes this at
all on his back, for first distribution - but he
has stable money, it's his father's wife
only boy the most. - It would pain the
Doctor after Parkinson - up this, benefiting
from to talk over. - - But with most
respect.

Yours, —

Yours most obedient
Servant. ——

Physician &c.
Thomasville Ga.
January 1865. —

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Private.

My dear Mr. Wilmot,

Your son, I accompanied him made the deposit of Three Cans of Fry in Cushluch Lake.—

A Can of Fry for Macdad Lake, I had Mr. John Stock, County Treasurer of Wentworth, to take out on Wednesday Evening, and plant there.

Your son goes to Meaford today, and about Tuesday next he will be here again for Niagara.—

I want 100,000 Salmon Trout, and 100,000 Salmon Trout for Lake Erie at Port Dover. We have hereby any salmon trout in Lake Erie, but you give him notice your son says if you do not he can manage it.—

I had a letter from Mr. Wallace M.P. for Norfolk, three weeks ago to say the Fry being exhausted in the Sandwich Hatchery, would be sent from Newcastle Stock farm to Lake Erie at Port Dover.—

Except Salmon Trout, Niagara has had 33, full Cans of White fish, more than one Million, and half a Million, 1.500.000.—

The Poor Net fishermen at Port Dover, are expecting them, and I hope you will not disappointment their expectations.—

Your son Charles Wilmot Esqre says he will do it, by your giving the order.—Dont, please forget the Lake Hatchery, at Niagara!—

And with Kind regards.—

Yours Sincerely,

John Hill Stock

Fishery Overseer

Hamilton, 5th May 1875

Samuel Wilmot

House of Commons

Ottawa.

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Yellowstone

Yellowstone Park

Gardiner, Mont.

Gardiner, Mont.

Gardiner, Mont.

Private!

Hamilton, Ont.
6. May 1892.

Memorandum:- for Mr. S. B. Bausch.
Fisheries department.
Ottawa. - - -

Ten dollars, I send you this day, - will make the amount sent the department up to this date for Licenses Fees, Viz. since the 1st day of January last, $702.50 ct. - Never done so well, during any previous year before, so early in the year. - - -

Mr. W. St. Leary, of Long point, fishery Overseer, has left there, and is gone to Manitoba. - - Shall I instruct, an Outsider; - Owen Bowers, Guardian at Port Royal, - or Mr. March, Alfred March, Leary's successor, to look after our Fishing interests, on Long point. - - Leary collected $10. for license fees; Spearing, and Sturgeon hook, Viz. licenses: last year, and gave me an order on Mr. John D. MacKenzie, the Company's Secretary, - for that amount; but altho' I asked him twice for the Money. I have not yet

(1.)

No. - in the fish Market, here this morning, Mr. John Davis, Fish dealer, - drew my attention to the female Salmon Trout, he had received again from Southampton. - One good tongue rally, from P.O., - when Boats and that fish there! will stop it. - it is shameful! - succeeded in getting it. - W. Owen, P.O.

I have been told, that two Seines are being fished in ~~Port Ro~~ Lake Erie, at Port Burwell, and several dip Nets, - in Big Otter, at Vienna - and at the mouth of the Little Otter, east of Port Burwell; - this is all in Captain McBrides division. - I thought with your sanction I will go up there, collect license fees, and straighten up matters. -

Please send me $100. dollars on account of current expenses. - You enquire about Mr. B. L. Bill. in a letter, I received on yesterday morning, from Bowers, dated, May 1st at Port Royal, he says: - "In your last, you wanted to know where Mr. B. was! - Well I can assure you he is in Penetanguishene, Michigan; his wife and mother followed him today." - This and that I heard he was employed in some lumbering establishment is about all I incidentally heard. What a pity: - Whisky done it all!! - Stormy, cold weather, Few Seine fishing in consequence at Niagara! - and with my kind wishes. - Yours Obediently, J. Whitton, P.O.

"Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton, 6. May 1882.—

Sir

I Have the honor to send you herewith Bank draft No: 26. for the sum of Ten dollars.— — —

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows: for this current season: —

1. W. C. Bantam Jr. Walsingham; "For a Boat house to fish 200. Sturgeon Hooks, and lines, in the Inner Bay, Lake Erie, and township of Walsingham." — Amount is.— $1.00 ¢.

2. W. C. Bantam Sr. Walsingham; "For a Boat license to fish 200. Sturgeon Hooks, and lines, in Lake Erie, commencing three Rods west of New cut, township of Walsingham. — amount is. $1.00 ¢.

3.— Charles Rightman, Walsingham, "For a Boat License to fish 400, Sturgeon Hooks and lines in Lake Erie, Bay: in front of Centre 60. Rods of Lot No: 10.— Broken Lot, township of Walsingham" amount is. $2.00 ¢.

4. James Rightman, Walsingham; "For License to fish a dip Net, in Lake Erie, Ship Canal, in the Township of Walsingham; up to, and ending 15th April. — amount $1.00 ¢.

5. John H. Smith, Beamsville; "For Boat license applied for, and described in application of 5th inst, the amount is now sent. $5.00 ¢.

I recommend that you will be pleased Total $10.00 ¢.
to grant those Licenses at once, and please insert the protection clauses therein. — And with due respect,

I Have the Honor to be,—
Sir
Your Obedient Servant,
John W. Kerr,
Fishery Overseer.—

N. F. Wicksteed Esqre
Dom: of Fisheries.—
Ottawa. — —

Private

Memorandum for Mr. S. P. Bausett,
Fisheries department,
Ottawa.

Many thanks for your decision in reply to the petition of Pound Net fishermen. —
They have done very well last year. —
I suppose Pickerel, &c. &c., may be also fished for, and caught at Lewiston and Niagara. —

It would never do, to allow three Members of Parliament to have all the control over us. — I agree with you about Lynch. Like M. Lynch, who was a Soldier and died, his Mother on a Morning took a letter to a certain Dr. McGee the Dentist to address the letter, addressed the letter to M. Lynch, Heaven, or elsewhere. Just as all Soldiers letters are addressed. And so it is, I suppose in Brooks

(1.)

Case, We have a splendid rain here today. — Our young Walnut, coming here perhaps a tomorrow (tuesday) afternoon — I go to Niagara; and I will then send you a good mess of White fish. —
I shall quite like Brown! — but then I suppose the department will have to let him off. — Only today, for the first time, we have natural weather. —

I have neither a pair nor an oath, and with Kind regards, and my best warm respects to Mrs. Whitcher, and family. — believe me as usual, —

Yours Very Respectfully
J. W. Stewart. —

Hamilton, Ont.
6. May 1882.

I have this night your decision, to Pound Net Fishermen Port Dover. —
J. W. Stewart. —
P. O.

Circular.—

Hamilton, Ont.
8. May 1882.—

My dear Sir,—

As already notified you by Telegraph, you are permitted to take Bass, pickerel, and Muskinonge, from this date, and sell them instead of waiting until the 15th inst.—

Glad you are also permitted to pick your pounds, the entire week in future, and so be enabled to get away fish, to Customers, by early Trains on Monday morning in each week.—

The license fee, remains at $40,— for each pound fished.— When convenient let me have your Money.— I have received your license for current year, from the department.—

I am,—

Yours respectfully.—

John W. Stark,—
Fishery Overseer.—

To.
Messrs. James Stewart,—
and David Moore,—
Owners, Net Proprietors.—
Port Dover.—

Messrs. Dames Beatty,—
Owners Net Proprietors,—
Hamilton,—
Selkirk Post office.—
Ont.

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I am,—

Yours respectfully.—

John W. Stark.—
Fishery Overseer.

To.
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Owners, Net Proprietors.—
Port Dover.—

circular.—

Hamilton, Ont.
8. May 1882.—

My dear La-Rose.—

You are permitted to take Bass, pickerel and Maskinonge, from this date and sell them, instead of waiting until the 15th inst. . . .

And you are also permitted to fish your pounds, the entire week in future, and so be enabled to get away fish, by early Trains on Monday morning in each week.

The license fee, remains at $40.— for each pound fished. . . When convenient let me have your Money. . . As I have had your license for to fish two pounds in my possession for some time.—

I am,

Yours respectfully.—
John Ken
Sidney Cameron.

Jas. James LaRose
Bound Not Fisherman.—
Sandusk. L. Erie.—
Cheapside P. Office

circular.—

Hamilton, Ont.
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The license fee remains at $40.— for each pound fished.— When convenient let me have your Money.— I will come up to Port Dover, shortly.—

I am,—

Yours respectfully.
John Ken.—
Sidney Cameron.

Messrs W. H. Alderson,—
and
Frank Jackson,—
Bound Net Proprietor
and Fishermen,—
Port Dover.

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Circular.—

Hamilton, Ont^{o}.
8. May 1882.—

My dear Sirs,—

As already notified you by tele-graph, you are permitted to take Bass, pickerel and Muskinonge from this date and sell them, in-stead of waiting until the 15th instant.—

And you are also permitted to fish your grounds, the entire week in future, and so be enabled to get away fish to Customers, by early Trains, on Monday mornings in each week.—

The licence fee, remains at $40. per each boat fished; When convenient let me have your money.— I will come up to Port Dover shortly.—

I am,
Yours respectfully.—
John W. Stark—
Fishery Overseer.

Messrs Wm Kinsley and Allen.—
Grounds Net Proprietors,
Port Dover and Nanticoke.

3.

Memorandum: For Wm W. Allen McCrea,—
Fishery Overseer.—
Dunnville—Ont^{o}.

I send you to carry the following Licenses, I have applied for, and received from the F. department, Ottawa; for delivery.— Visit^{d}.

1. J. Bessie Haldimand - paid $1.00
2. Benjn Crowe, Dunnville,- —"— $1.00
3. John Hammond, Haldimand. —"— $1.00
4. J. W. Service, do. — —"— $1.00
5 Thomas Robertson York —"— $10.00
6. Silas Young, do. — —"— $1.00
Total.—$15.00

Will you be pleased to make a Note of these Fish licenses paid for in full; and then deliver them.— Yours Sincerely—
J.W. Stark—
F. Cowan—

Hamilton, Ont^{o}.
8. May 1882.

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Memorandum - for Mr. W. Allan McBride. -
Fishery Overseer. -
Dunnville, Ont.

I send you licenses for Messrs. George Broker and William Burnham, of Dunnville. - The amount is $5, each = total $10. - This amount, you will please collect from them; on delivering to them their licenses; that is $5. from each of them. - On receiving amounts endorse the same on the back of each license, with date you receive the money, - and sign your Name under same. - By computing the amounts, in those Memorandums, you will please find your $50, dollars, accounted for by licenses received. $9.00 cts. to be still collected on licenses, on which $35. has been paid on acct. - And $10, is to be collected on two licenses as above; making in all $19. - You have still to collect besides Mr. Longans, dips. Net. I will make Mr. Richard Bugh pay me $1. -

You will find on reading over the Seine hauling limits Dunnville fishermen can fish at Baldwin; and Wellandport fishermen can fish in Grand River. Yr. Obt.
Yours Sincerely -
D. W. Kerr, Asst. Com.
Hamilton, Ont. 8. May 1882. -

2.

Memorandum; for Mr. W. Allan McBride, -
Fishery Overseer, -
Dunnville, Ont.

1, Henry Ross. -	paid $15.00 cts.	still due $5.00 cts.	
2, John Reid. - -	do. - 4.00.	do. - 1.00.	
3, Henry Green and Wm. Shelly. -	do. - 4.00.	do.	1.00
4, John Green, and Gourley Green.	do. - 4.00.	do. - 1.00 cts.	
5, John Clarkson, and A. Gordon.	3 do. 4.00.	do. - 1.00 cts.	
6, Acct. - Ric: Bugh's license	31.00 cts.		9.00
sent him direct by me	4.00. -		
Am't of	$35.00 cts.	still due	$9.00.

Please collect these $9.00 cts. when you deliver to them the licenses, and send the amount to me for the department. -
Henry Ross's limits extend up to Short Shore Harbour - Lake Erie. -
Yours Sincerely. -
D. W. Kerr
Asst. Com. -
Hamilton, Ont. 8. May 1882. - 2

Hamilton, Ont.
10. May 1882.

Alfred March Esqre
Steward,
Long Point

My dear Sir, ...

Being made aware some time past, that Mr. W. St. Leary, your predecessor at Long Point, Lake Erie; had left for Manitoba: I was desirous of ascertaining how Fishing matters are progressing in about Long point... As I am made aware by the Fisheries department, Ottawa that you will be appointed, and instructions sent you; to take Mr. Leary's place, as Fishery Overseer, on Long point; Just as soon as The Minister can sign them: I consider it will not be out of place in dropping to you a few lines in the mean time.... Peter Price, and several other persons on Long point, in the employment of the Long point Company, - have been in the habit of fishing Sturgeon Hooks, and lines, in Lake Erie, within the Leased waters of the Company, at the annual Rate of 50. cents per 100. Hooks. You may permit those persons [illegible]

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and renew this fishing this year; Just as soon as they are prepared to do so, and be pleased to collect the Money, 50 cts. per 100. Hooks. Every such person who avails himself of this privilege... Spawning fish terminates on the 15th of April last; so that Legal spawning will not be resumed again before the 1st June next winter. - Don't permit any spawning to be carried on, with Sticks, Hooks in Race Ways for Hatching. Yes...

You will perhaps think it strange that I should write you, but as Mr. John J. Cleary, your Secretary; is, I understand, at Ottawa at present; I avail myself of this opportunity... or as the department directs me: Give him Instructions you deem necessary in The mean time? - Hoping soon to see you at Long point. - Believe me

Yours Sincerely,
D. [illegible] Fishery Overseer

Hamilton, Sept. 10. 1883.

Alfred Merrill Esq.
Hamilton.

Dear Sir,

Having made some more thorough examination of the Dump upon the premises of the late Mr. H. Merrill, upon which you have left for Hamilton, I have decided to remove the Dump from the Building Lot, and have made some for the Dundas Department. Therefore I would be glad that you would be appointed, and instructions sent upon: to have the Dump placed, as Building Lot, on the Dump Ground; just as soon as the Dump from the Building Lot is removed. I consider it will not be out of place in stopping to you a few lines in the mean time. — Peter Bird, and several other persons on the Dump Ground, in the employment of the Dump Ground. Have been in the habit of pulling things, out here, in the evening, within the Corner limits of the Dump, at the annual Rate of 50 cents per 100. Hauls. upon Dump Permit taken persons [illegible]

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My dear Sir,

Your official letters and Money of 25, duly received; and of 5, alas! — together with your report regarding Mr. W.m Brooks, and his Pt: 4, Deer Lawing ground, in Outer Bay, Lake Erie, at Turkey Point. — I only waited for you to say, you pleased Mr. Brooks, in possession of this Pt: 4. & being Station: & that Mr. Brooks, — a done himself, as for back, as 13th January last, when I sent him his licence. — He had his licence, then! why did he attempt Mr. Wallace to Jail on, and within his licenced limits. — Mr. Wallace when he paid me of 25, licence Money, for the Mo.th of March last, showed me when the licence. — It was notorious to every one at Turkey point; as a matter of choice if Mr. Brooks, were to pay Mr. W.m Wallace, & Mr. Lefferty for resurvey. for him again, the boundary line, between himself and Wallace, neither you nor I, should object to it — He paid his part of the first Survey, it was done for his own benefit, as well as for Jacksons benefit. — Jackson is satisfied; — and so is Mr. Harris. Wallace, finding Mr. Brooks did not put in his appearance on Pt: 4, — fished on it, & surveyed! — Well then! why did not Brooks prevent Wallace fishing there! —

As I have already said, on receipt of your report, with three letters I received from Mr. Cull together, with a [illegible] of fishing grounds; — I made my report. — The department will no doubt give their decision as soon as time will permit. — How as regards Captain McBrides, decision; I believe he manages all, C. L. — however! the department at Home, are satisfied with the Captain, consequently, you and I, must be! — How as regards my recommending you to get charge of Long point; another person is, I understand made

already appointed, do plase it be. — —

You, and I, must be satisfied, when our lot is at present cast, — and so plase it be also. — —

I suppose the Elections will be on us, in June next, so at least report has it. —

I am exceedingly obliged to you, for your kind invitation to come and see you, when I come up: — I will do so with much pleasure. — In communicating this, to Mrs Barnes, please convey to her at the same time, my warm and sincere thanks, —

Be very particular, when applying for licenses, to give the descriptions of Lots. 82, — in Jule. — We have a cold rain going on here this afternoon. — — —

We have sold the large quantities of C.S. in Lake Ontario, Georgian Bay, Bullock Lake, and Lake Nipissing; with more still on hand, for Lake Erie. — —

I don't exactly know, but I believe Parliament will close! — or House of Commons will close about Friday next. —

What about the Jerrymandering! — Are you in the Elections Ring? —

I intend voting in Your Constituency at Election. — —

And with my warm regard and esteem for you and yours — Believe me, — as ever, —

Yours fraternally, —
John W. Stow —
Turkey Quarter
Hamilton, Ont.
10. May 1882. —

Aman Barnes Esq
St Lawrence,
Port Royal,
Ont.

already appointed, he ought to be.—

Then, must I be satisfied, unless my Lot is at present last, one be elected it be else.—

I suppose the Election will be on me, in June next, be at least two it.—

I— accordingly oblige to you, for— your Visit invitation to come and see you when I come up:— I wish we might meet Athens.— he recommending this. It will Summer, Athens among it be as the same time, my warm and sincere thanks.—

Be sure Particular, who applying for Diocese, to give me description of Lot. He— is Yale.— He has a Letter last year— on Law this afternoon.—

Let me anticipate by question if I— a Yale Science Degree Mr Gallaudet who was Editor Deaf Mutes' Journal, but now Principal Deaf Mutes, be Yale Law.—

I must especially know Mr Gallaudet will also about Yale Law Degree of Deaf Mutes.—

What about the Jurymandering!—

Are you in favor Election Law?—

I notice resting in the Constitutional Election.—

Just with my warm regard and esteem for you and yours — Believe me, — as ever,—

Yours Sincerely,—

Henry Patterson.—

Washington.—

Friday Morning.

10. May 1865.—

Hon Thomas Day
of Hamden.—
Yale College.—
Conn:

Hamilton, Ont.
11. May 1882.—

My dear Mansfield. —

Your application for licenses, was duly received; I applied to the Commissioner, and recommended the same, and they have been granted. — You will therefore have to send me $ 15. dollars —

Resident license you will find is $ 10-00 $

Resident license is as usual. — 5.00.

Total. $ 15.00 $.

I believe you will be here some time again, if you could get — Fishing Licenses; when the White fish — the ground! —

In reply I have to say, that you may do so!!.

I also hand to your address, Mr. Hamilton Mansfield, Resident Fishing License, so as to save the postage; please hand it to him, with my best wishes for his success, —

If any one else want a license, — then apply to me at once, and send on the money. — I hope you had good pike fishing. — How is your friend Mr. Tripp? —

Should you get an extraordinary large fish of any kind, please express it to me. —

If you see or hear of anything going wrong! please write me at once! don't fail to do this, — Some people get useful, please because I recommended you for that Pike fish license. — Use with my best wishes for your welfare and success in your profession, — and my advice to you, fish carefully, cautiously, and legally, and may you be successful, — Believe me, —

Yours truly,

D. W. Karn —

Mr. Hamilton Mansfield, — Fisheries Overseer.
Fisheries, —
Hamiltonian Bay. —

Hamilton, Sept.
11. Juni 1883.

Mein lieber Alexander. —

Dein Geburtstag ist es, der mich heute zu Deinem, zum Feiertage macht; ich möchte Dir gern Freude machen, und Dir sagen, wie lieb ich Dich habe, wie ich Dir wünsche, daß Du immer gesund und glücklich bleibest, daß es Dir stets gut gehe, daß Du Deine Arbeiten mit Lust und Liebe machst, daß Du Deine Pflichten immer erfüllst, daß Du Deinen Eltern Freude machst, daß Du ein braver Mensch bleibst, daß Du Gott immer vor Augen hast, daß Du Deinen Nächsten liebst wie Dich selbst, daß Du Deinen Feinden verzeihst, daß Du Deine Lehrer ehrst, daß Du Deine Mitschüler liebst, daß Du Deine Vorgesetzten achtest, daß Du Deine Untergebenen nicht drückst, daß Du Deine Kameraden nicht verspottest, daß Du Deine Schwestern nicht schlägst, daß Du Deine Brüder nicht ärgerst, daß Du Deine Eltern nicht betrübst, daß Du Deine Geschwister nicht quälst, daß Du Deine Eltern nicht erzürnst, daß Du Deine Eltern nicht beleidigst, daß Du Deine Eltern nicht kränkst, daß Du Deine Eltern nicht verletzest, daß Du Deine Eltern nicht verwundest, daß Du Deine Eltern nicht tötest, daß Du Deine Eltern nicht ermordest, daß Du Deine Eltern nicht umbringst, daß Du Deine Eltern nicht vernichtest, daß Du Deine Eltern nicht zerstörest, daß Du Deine Eltern nicht zugrunde richtest, daß Du Deine Eltern nicht ins Verderben stürzest, daß Du Deine Eltern nicht ins Unglück bringst, daß Du Deine Eltern nicht ins Elend bringst

Hamilton, Ont.
11. May 1882.

My dear Sir,

Will you be pleased to send, sent you by Mail today the following licenses for delivery: and please keep a reference of same in your possession. - -

1. Charles Ferris - License. - 200. Hooks. -
2. Robert Ferris, do. - 200. -"-
3. Clinton Procunier, do. - 200. -"-
4. C. E. Procunier. - do. - 200. -"-
5. Daniel Wardell, do. - 200. -"-
6. Joseph Leitch, - do. - For a

Seine 150 yards long: to be fished in front of Lots Nos. First Concession of the Township of Hamilton, in Said County. - - -

I dont suppose you intended Mr. Leitch, to fish in front of the entire township of Stake, and when your application - please insert No: of lot or lots in license now sent, before you deliver to Mr. Leitch, and send No: of lot to me also. ——

after I despatched my letter to you (1.) on yesterday morning, I received from the Commissioner of Fisheries - Ottawa, a letter (copy) addressed to Wm. Wallace M. P. - advising him, that the acting Minister, had appointed Mr. Alfred Pearce, Fishery Overseer - at Long Point, in place of Mr. Leavy, resigned; and so Mote it be! — Knowing since yesterday morning, before his appointment reached me; that Mr. Pearce, would be appointed, I wrote him on the subject. —

See Mr. Pearce, as soon as you possibly can, and extend to him from me and yourself, the Right Hand of Fellowship!. — I hope your own turn will soon come!!. Mr. John D. MacKenzie, - speaks very highly of Mr. Pearce. - - Collect all the Seine fees you can, and send me the Money. - As soon as I receive the other Licenses for you, already applied for, - you shall have them: And with my warm regards, - Believe me, - Yours Gratefully. -

Enclosed Receipt by Mr. J. Guardian. Port Royal. }

J. D. McKenzie -
J. Pearce. -
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Memphis, Sept.
11. March 1883.

My dear Doctor!

Allow me to please to give
back upon the following persons by
delivery: your please Rest & reference of those
in your possession. - -

1. Miss Ida Miss. - Clerance. - 200. Marks. -
2. Robert Davis. do. - 200. -"-
3. Walter Brewster. do. - 200. -"-
4. H. H. Brewster. - do. - 200. -"-
5. Thomas Mercedes. do. - 200. -"-
6. Joseph Dentist. - do. - 200. -

Thus 1200 Marks long: to be paid in front
of date office.

Short Succession of the
Township of Memphis, in State this. - -

I must suppose you instantly Dentist to
paid in front of the entire township of the
state! Send me your application. - please
insert the: of Int - Int in Louis mon-
sent before you release it the Dentist,
and leave me know: if Int to me take. —
after I completed my letter to you

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Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton, 11. May 1862.—

Sir.

I Have the Honor to receive your Letter, of the 8th instant, apprising me:— "The fishery licenses for the "Fifteen, Sixteen, and Twenty mile creeks, having expired on "the 1st inst, the acting Minister directs that they shall "be not renewed".—

And in reply, I beg to report, that the licenses to fish Nets in the Fifteen and Sixteen mile Creeks, having been out, and applied, as now ordered by you: I should never have recommended to be renewed again.—

However! I may have taken the liberty of reporting for the information of the acting Minister, that the licence granted to Mr. Richard Gilbert of the Twenty mile point was granted for this current year.— The Hon. Mr. P.— for the County of Lincoln,— does not wish, as yours are aware to disturb Mr. Richard Gilbert, now removed from fishing in 20. mile pound, and creek.— Mr. Gilbert is a sickly delicate person, with a large family.— I attach a copy of letter I have just received from Mr. Ryckert on the subject; also an article I have just cut from last evening Hamilton Times for your information.—

And with due respect.—

I Have the Honor to be.—
Sir,—
Your Obedient Servt.
W. L. Wilson
Fishery Overseer

To. F. Whitcher Esq.re
Com.r of Fisheries,
Ottawa.—

Copy.—

House of Commons,—
Canada.—

My dear Kerr,— May 9th 1882.—

I applied to the Department to stop licences on 15, 16, and 18,— and I see they have omitted the 20.— I have written Whitcher to correct the mistake.— —

I am obliged to you for your attention in the matter.—

Faithfully,—
Wm. J. A. McKeagney.

Memorandum!—

In April last, I received a letter from Wm. J. A. McKeagney, M. P.— respecting Net fishing, in those ponds; to which I fully replied at the time; and I gave Instructions now to that Gentleman, for the Journals were in his hands in connection with his application, regarding the Licenses of the 20. Mile ponds.— For to oppose McKeagney Robert Gilbert from fishing there, would be cruel, and I think for there is no doubt about the Fishermen depending on it.— My views should be kindly given to Wm. J. A. McKeagney, M. P., and I assure you it will be long remembered by the poor fishermen and more of them.

Dick Lynch.— Fisherman; Jordan Station. Ont. Office.
Hamilton, Ont. 9
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"a fishing license"

Mr. John H. Smith —
Fisherman —
Beaumaville —

Sent from H. — by J. W. K. — on 15. May 1882 —

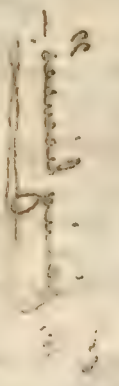
Will you be pleased to give Mr. James Weir, Boat Builder, Township of Barton: the Boat, and two pairs of Oars: — herein by me for Fishing on Lundy.

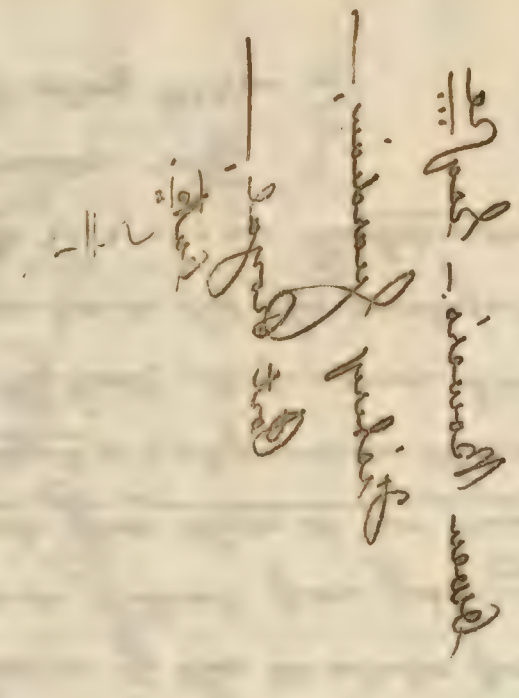
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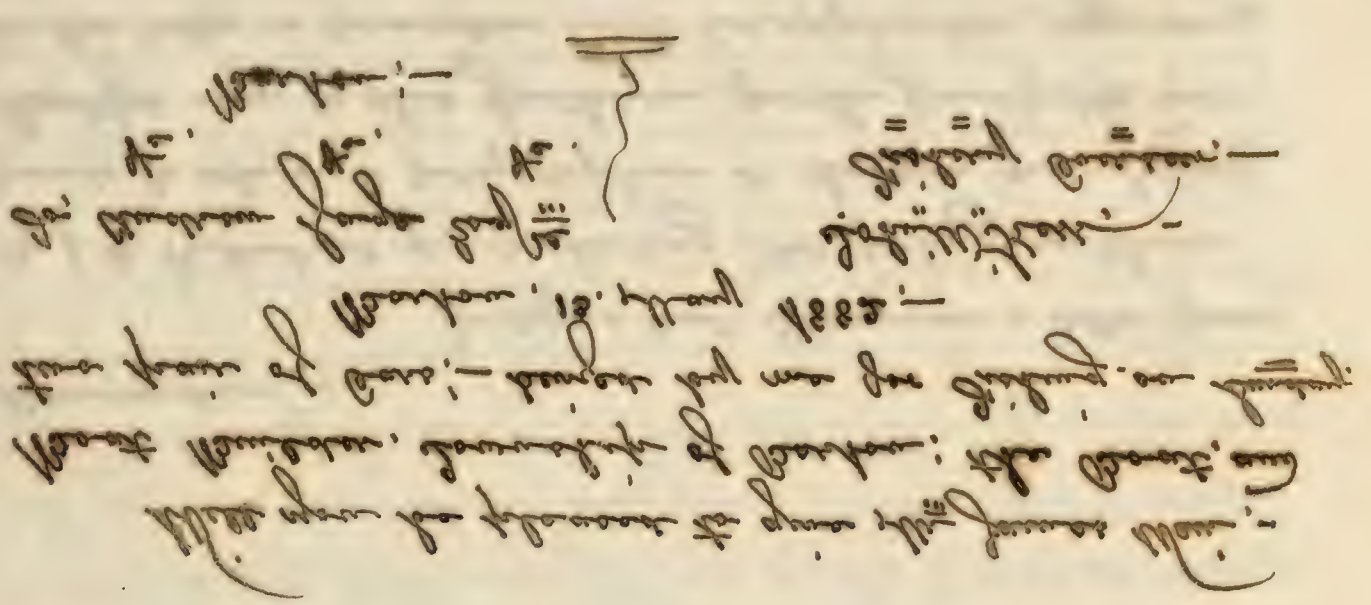
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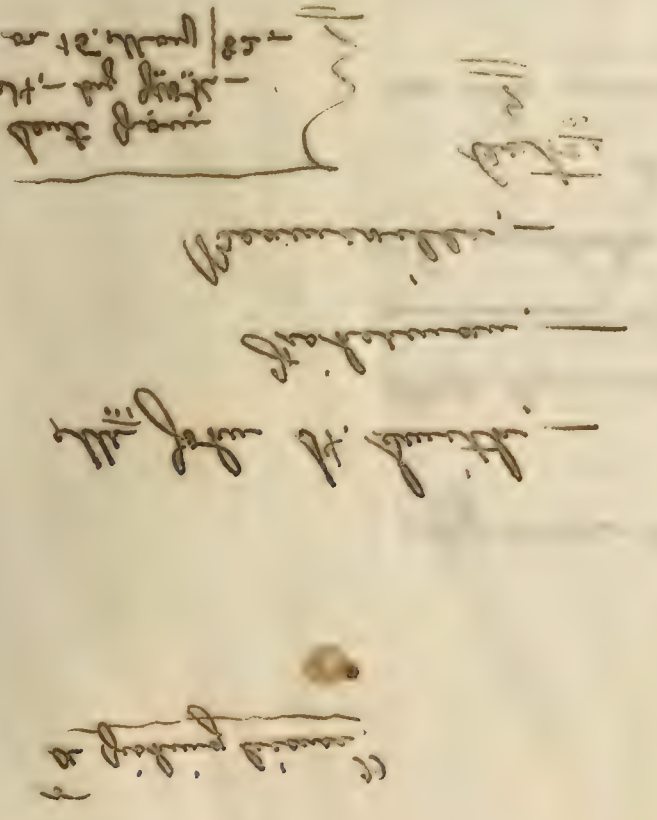
John W. Kerr —
Fishery Overseer. —

Mr. James Weir — Boat Builder
Fishery Licence —
Lake Ontario —
Fishery









Illy dear Sir,-

Yours of 9th instant, was duly received!- I was quite astonished when I received your letter, and you announced to me, thus:

"I cannot tell you how deeply thankful I feel for your congratulations on as you supposed my appointment as Fishery Overseer,- but I beg to undeceive you.- The appointment was for my father which I doubt not will be quite as satisfactory to you." - Because I then knew to the contrary! a letter press copy of the letter of your appointment, being sent, and received by me, from the Fisheries department.- - However! to settle the matter; after I received your letter, I addressed: "Memorandum for Mr. S. C. Barnet Fisheries department Ottawa."

Who is Fishery Overseer, at Dunnville!—
Is it McCrae; the Father! or
Is it McCrae;- the Son!!- *

An Answer was received by me, on this morning;- from Mr. Barnet

Mr. Sec. *

and signed. S. C. Barnet,—

So you will now perceive you are the Fishery Overseer at Dunnville, and your father is not.- Of course if you don't care to accept it, that is another thing.—

But you, nor I; must never deceive the Fisheries department.— I considered it my duty to make you right in your appointment: hence my Memorandum:— You had better take the Oath of Office, and obey the instructions contained in the letter of your appointment.- You have a clear course to begin on, to commence or more properly to time the work at once.—

Yours Sincerely,—
J. W. Kerr,
Fishery Overseer.
Hamilton, Ont.
18, May 1882.

Wallace McCrae,
Fishery Overseer,—
Dunnville,—
Ont.

Memorandum for Mr. S. P. Bauset,
Fisheries department.—
Ottawa.—

What I wanted as regards Niagara fisherman! was that Niagara fishermen; may be permitted to commence Seine fishing at 1.30. a.m. on Monday morning, and hang up their Seines at 10. a.m. on every Saturday. — With regard to Niagara fishermen commencing earlier to fish this year, than Port dover — Pound Net, fishermen. — It has been no advantage to Niagara men whatever! — Stormy weather, was almost destructive to them! and many of the hands fishing are in debt or their Board. — On thursday last, I was at Niagara and I saw the storm then raging but smoked up.

The Niagara fishermen, — have not caught — pickerel; and but few White fish. — However! to supplement them in Catch, I ask — — — ing. — please grant it immediately. — For except their great success in catching about 300 Barrels of Sturgeon; I dont suppose so far as Seine fishing has gone; no seine has, could come out of it, the fishermen are desponding. — Four of

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the — — — — — night, and we talked matters over, and I advised them not to despair, I would repeat my application of 27. ultimo about Monday morning fishing; and also first age of Seine fishing for Herring, when the White fish were not on the grounds; and I recommend the same now again, for your consideration; to be granted by department. — White fish are in great abundance inside in deep water, and cannot come in near shore in consequence of rough weather, the few caught, brought $15. per 100 fish. — Herring are very numerous, but cannot be caught with a white fish Seine! — after all said and written about small shell fish and Shrimps — being exclusive food of White fish; I am now able to confirm a fact, that many have been caught on small hooks baited with one Minnow, one each hook; — and four have been caught on Sturgeon Hooks during this year thus far!.

please refer to my application of 27. ultimo last, in behalf of Niagara fishermen fishing on Monday mornings early. — —

As regards Mr Wallace, I am in union

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Memorandum for the Mess Steward

Waiters department.

Notice.

What I mention as regards Evening Uniform! was that Evening Uniform; may be permitted to commence Dress Gilding at 1.30. P.m. on Thursday morning, and keep up their dresses at 10. a.m. on every Saturday. — With regard to Evening Uniform commencing earlier it shall stop, when Oct closes — Dress shirts, ~~Dress shirts~~ Dress shirts — Dress shirts, Dress shirts — Dress shirts, Dress shirts — Dress shirts,

Hamilton, Ont.
15. May 1882.

My dear Sir,—

I send you by Mail, today; the following licenses, which you will please deliver immediately.——

1. W.C. Bantam, Jr. #1.— Walsingham.—
2. W.C. Bantam, Jr. " 1.— do.—
3. James Righthman, " 1. do.—
4. Charles Righthman, #2, — do.——

As regards this last name, I cannot say: if I am right, however! if I did not grant the #2,— in his license, I had no other view for it.— I have no News!— Hours will rise on Thursday!! Elections will soon follow!!!.— I will soon see you,— Can you meet me at Port Dover, — on Wednesday morning next?— Believe me,—

Yours fraternally.——

Jno. Banners Esqre (2. Guardian.— Port Royal.——) J.W. Keir,— J. Carrier,—

Hamilton, Ont.
15. May 1882.

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with him, in all things.— If he runs again, I will help him to get in.— J.B. Nyhart, too shall have my warm support and vote!!.—

The case of Cotton factory comes up again on next Tuesday: the stuff was allowed to run in large quantities into the waters of B. bay. but to fine the factory, would be to stop it working.— The deadly effects of this stuff, can be all reduced to a harmless state before being emptied into the Sewer, and bay drain, through which it runs into B. bay,— The department should insist on this being done at all times, and on all occasions.— It is a New Industry, just starting into existance.———

And whilst maintaining my ground in protecting our Bay fish.— It is my wish to deal tenderly with this New enterprise: The Ontario Cotton Factory of Hamilton.— My reason — for asking you — if It is Mc^r^ Crae — the father, — or Is it Mr. Crae, the son, who is appointed P.C. at Dunville, — was! that the son wrote me to say, it was his father who was appointed not him.—

Please set this matter right.——

Yours &c.— J.W. Keir,— P. Carrier,—

Hamilton, Ontario.
15. May 1882.

My dear Sir

I read recently in a Toronto News paper, of the birth of your Son, and Heir; which I warmly congratulate you on. I hope the Boy, and his Mother are getting on well.— I heard from some Tatlers when in Niagara, on last Friday, that you had caught Sturgeon during close season and salted them down for your Sons; also that you had been catching Herring they said on the sly!— by placing a small Herring Seine, behind the White fish Seine; when closely hauled in near shore. And that you were fishing a second White fish Seine on your fishing ground.— —

I —my [illegible]—, as I have often said before; that if pickerel were hurted, and captured by getting in the Seine such, it is better to cut them, than throw them back in the Lake as dead fish, and get fined for doing so.—

As regards the small Seine, for catching Herring. I recollect, that you spoke to me something about it; when you paid me your Seine hauling license.— —If the fishermen had their nets about them; I do suppose, I would have permitted them to do the same thing; provided they allowed all the White fish, caught in the Herring Seine, to go off, swim away.— Upon their making a similar application to me.— And more especially when by storms and rough weather, fishing is so very slim.— —I have at the instance of your applicants, fishermen in Niagara, made an application now for old.!.— It is as regards (Charles Bolton) fishing two White fish Seines instead of One,— on the John Bolton ground; the John Bolton I said! always pays his license fee, he has already paid on the ground $20,— and he will pay license fee, for the other White fish Seine Bye and bye!—

as I informed you I applied about that Monday morning fishing as far back as the 24th of March last, and I have not yet had a reply or answer to it.— But the moment

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Hunter!

My dear Gilbert. —

I have received your license for the 20. M. pound; it is all right, and I am happy to be able to return it to you again, whole and sound. — He licenses on the 15. 16. and 18 Mile pounds, having expired, will be fished in more with Nets of any kind, under license. — I will tell you all when I see you. — If you don't become responsible for Eyres license money, send it back to me, that is the course; I don't permit him to fish unless he pays... Every one else pays but him. I cannot sympathise with laziness and drunkeness, — Have you set your pound Net yet. — I hope not!. — What a dreadful storm any Nets out in it." — and with kind regards to you, and yours, — Believe me. —

Yours Sincerely. —

J. Wilkes. P. Comm.

Hamilton Ont.

16. May 1882. — 5

I hear from Ottawa, I will come down. — Some people are most unreasonable, they are not willing even to make any allowance for such a bad season as this has been thus far. I hope the weather will soon settle down, and then God Almighty will direct the fish to your Nets — and I sincerely pray, through the Redemption of His son, that He will be pleased to do so. — Whatever you do in fishing! do legally, and lawful. — I cannot alter things myself to please every body, — But I can recommend to the Fisheries department, what you require, and I have done so. — So you must not despair, for I do expect the department will at once reply to my demands, in behalf the Niagara fishermen. —

And with kind regards to you, and Mrs Ruttan and the Boy, —

Believe me, Yours truly, —

J. Wilkes. —

P. Comm.

To John Ruttan, —

Fisherman, —

Niagara, —

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Hamilton Ont.
15. May 1882.—

My dear Sir

Your letter of the 11th instant (Copy) to the Hon. The Minister of Marine sent to me by the Superintendent. — It seems after all it is you — and not your son Mr. W. Allan McCrae — who is a practical Fishery Overseer at Dunnville. —

Now I must say in your letter a very false impression of your letter that it was arranged between you two and myself that Henry Ross should be continued for this year and there was no objection raised by Mr. Ross in doing this seeing that his limits on Lake Erie are extending up the Lake to Horse Shoe Harbour. — .

Messrs Brokie and Burnham, whose licenses dated 5 I sent your son, should pay $5 each, not being forwarded over to your son from Ottawa at Dunnville there can be no objections disclosed on either side. —

" — — — — his arrangement —

by your son with Lunn Net fishermen at $4 for this year. — Let it be so! — you need not enforce payment of the additional $1. from each. — But according to your recommendation next year, they should also pay double. — It is so much better, never to break faith with fishermen. — — I may mention in conclusion that your son W. Allan McCrae, will receive pay, from 1st of January, to 31st March: — And you will receive pay for current quarter say from 1st April to 30th June and July. I may here state that I have made all the business you attended to simply because I was instructed to do so. — Please take your son that the letter I wrote and sent him today is cancelled. — And with kind regards, —

Yours faithfully, —

D. Lull Fish. —
Fishery Overseer

W. A. McCrae Esq
Fishery Overseer
Dunnville

Huntsville, Texas
15th March 1863.—

My Dear Sir

Your letter of the 11th instant (Ref) to the Hon Secretary of War has been duly received & laid before the Department. — It seems after all a pity, that you sent your Petition for the Pardon of [illegible] to Governor Pendleton at Gainesville. — I have [illegible] Governor Pendleton's Private Secretary at Gainesville, to enquire of him, whether the Governor has yet forwarded the Petition to Richmond, or whether it is still in his possession. — If the latter, I will write to him, & request that your Petition may be forwarded to Richmond without delay. — I am sure that there can be no objection to granting the Pardon you desire, which it was originally intended for this year, but there can be no objection however by this time to the Petition being sent to Richmond, & I am sure that the Secretary of War will be glad to grant the Pardon. — I am sorry I cannot be more explicit with regard to your Petition, but I will write to Governor Pendleton by this Mail, & hope to be able to give you a favorable reply. —

I am sorry that I cannot give you any information

Hamilton, Ont.
18. May 1882.

My dear Sir.—

I am in receipt of your post Card; telling me that Mr. Overholt has informed you that Mr. Alderson, at Dover, has been selling pickerel last week to the American men, some 12 Barrels, which was shipped to Buffalo; they wish you would see to it at once.—

I am aware of all this! and I am quite certain Mr. Alderson, would not do so if he had not permission, from the Fisheries department, Ottawa! Any more to complain of!!..—

I understand that Mr. Isaac Watkins and Wallace Heath, Forestville;- paid you One dollar each, last March for a Spearing licence!- and they complain they have never received a licence; What has become of this Money! Have you received this $2.— if so, it is your duty to send to me for licenses.— Do so now, at once! No man can spear, unless he has a licence

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Private.

Memorandum: for Mr. S. T. Bastedo.—
Fisheries department,—
Ottawa.—

Many thanks, for the Copy of McCraa's letter.— I dont mind what he says or writes about myself. It was he and not his son who gave receipts for $4. licence fee for each Seine fished; which he now acknowledges should be $8. or $10.....

This was about what it was, when Henry Lamb was just appointed; but he allowed the licences to dwindle down to $4, for each Seine... If Allan who was discharged on a Gratuity of $500.- a year, should not be employed again, unless the Annual amount he received from Fisheries department was deducted from his Annual Gratuity... It is a great pity, young McCraa did not get the appointment; however whatever comes or goes!!. I am always satisfied after it passes the approval of the department.—

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I perceive by the publick Press - and I have seen myself, that sad havock has been made amongst fishermans Shanties, Boats and Nets during the late storm; and I fear it is not all over yet!!!. The Boats have commenced running to, and from Niagara, and Toronto. - - When I receive reply to my Memorandum, &c. to you of yesterday, I will run down again to Niagara and arrange matters. - The water in the Lakes, is high this season. - - When I get to Niagara I will endeavour to get you a Mess of those White fish, caught on the hooks baited with minnows! -

I admit! I done every thing Colo McLean reports to The Minister against me, and I could collect the additional $1 - from each Lake fisherman, without a Murmur.

I received a telegraph from Rainham, on 2d of May, instant: that Pickerel, caught in the Grand River, at Brantville: were pedled and sold there. I instantly drew young McLean's attention to it & I pointed out to him, how he could easily

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on the packers. - Now there is spawning season on as I have already written you, and - I also pointed out to him he possibly stopping; and I told the young man Cole, Wilson, how they can do, &c; and of my undeviating adherence to those Rights I may fall on the offenders like a boot drop.

We have more weather here today, - Sunny and warm; but at 1. p.m. - I observed a long range Dark, - solid as an Emblem of stormy weather again. - Toronto Island, - has had more than her share of the storm; - The 1 [illegible] I see by Mail N. paper - to day there [illegible] - Rents and Rates is $500. - Make them pay to the uttermost, the Licence fee is only $20.

[illegible] to the [illegible] & a Rebate

And with much respect

Yours Very much obliged -

J. Wilson

Inspector

Hamilton Ont.

15. May 1882.

I possess [illegible] the public Press - and I have been
engaged, that her breath has been made company
[illegible] Phantasmic Phantoms, Beasts and Life and dancing &
Taste them; over I pour it is not all over yet!!!
The Beast have commenced running to, and from
Thompson, over Beasts. - - When I reason reply
to my Memorandum. It is you of positively I make
them explain & Thompson over company matter. - The
water in the Tubs is high this season. - - When
I get to Thompson I will endeavour to get you
a Glass of Tubs Milk fresh, straight with Beasts
Water with minnows! -

Beasts! I know every thing Tubs Milk, right
to the Minister respecting over Bowler Cabbage the
restrictions # 1 - Pour each Thing Pinkerton,
without a Murmur. - -

I received a Telegraph, from Mullens, on 2nd of
May, instant; that Pinkerton, bought in the Flower
Time at Thompsons: were Pinkerton was Tubs Milk.
I instantly drew Pinkerton's attention to it & I
Pointed out to him, how he could possibly [illegible]

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[illegible] the Public. - Tubs Milk is depending en-
tirely on a Thing already written Pen, over
- I Tubs Pointer not on to finally stopped,
over I Tubs the Pump over the Kitchen. How
they can be .?; over if they are satisfied what
it were of Tubs, Milk I may Pen on it-
pence like a Beast Cup. - -

We have now month Tubs Cup - Pump
[illegible] but at 1 p.m. - I returned a
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Pinkerton Beasts
Pump
16 May 1882.

Hamilton, Ont.
17. May 1882.

My dear Sir.

Yours of the 15th instant, just received; I may in reply state for your information, that such Lake Sizes Salmon Trout than those you refer to, have been receiving here by the Fish dealers, from the Fishermen, who no doubt caught them off Southampton.... The dealers reported the receipt of these young fish to me; and requested their report.-

I laid the matter before the department, Ottawa, and no doubt it has been stopped, so far as Hamilton is concerned.

S. Trout of the Size you describe, will not gill in the legal Size gill Nets, for entering Salmon Trout or White fish, they should have meshes of at least 5 inches extension measure; please read, sub section 2, of Section 9. of the Fisheries act. page 9.

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These young fish, S. Trout, don't gill, don't gill in such legal Size meshes;- but are caught by the teeth, when swimming rapidly against the gill nets.. The Boats or crews, who fish these Nets are paid according to the Number of pounds of fish they catch, and hence it is why! these small S. Trout are caught: for instead of Jerking them out of the gill Nets when they first get entangled up; and on their coming to Bat, it is that all the fish gilled or otherwise are taken out of the Nets.-

If you proceed against the person or persons, for having such Small Size S. Trout in their possession; you will have to do so; under sub section 9. of section 18. of the Fisheries act,- see page 10.- This you will at once perceive is the only clause, by which you can convict the parties you refer to.. Do the Salmon Trout alluded to, are the young of the Salmon Trout?

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Hamilton Dupl.

12. May 1823.

Hon. Gentlemen,

Copies of the 18th instant, last session; I must in reply state for your information, that such has been taken. Grant them when you refer to; I see them recorded here by the Clerk clerks. Hon. the Chairman, "who no doubt sought them;" of Gentlemen. ... The clerks requisite the receipt of these copies sent to me; and returned them report. -

I hint the matter before the department, Hon.; and no doubt it has been stopped, as yet Hamilton is concerned.

A Grant of the Judge upon examination, will not pass in the Legal Judges Office that, by entering before Grant or Clerk Clerk, they shall then make of at least 5 entries by=tions measure; please have, but entire 3. of section 9. of the Statutes Act. Page 7.

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Three copies Gentl. A. Grant, Grant Gentl. Grant pile in Land Legal Judges marks; - but are sought by the Clerk, who subscribing certificate by appoint the pile mark. - The Hon. or Hons, who Gentl. then Hon. Clerk are Clerks re= pairing to the Number of Grants of Gentl. they certify, must have it as why! there should A. Grant are sought: by written of Justice then out of the Office that where Gentl. Gentl. out were all up; and we then are time to Get, it is, the Gentl. Office written that were are taken out of the Clerk. -

If any Person appoint the Person or Persons, by Issuing that should Judges A. Grant in their Possession; you will have to do so; under Sub Section 9. of Section 18. of the Statutes Act - See Page 10. - This upon which you are bound the Section upon refer to. - If the Hon. Grant Office Grant, are the Copies of the Hon. Grant?

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fish name — in the Act. —

This inch mesh, is the lowest legal size net as a file, that permitted to be fished under a Licence. —

And Seines for Catching White fish, shall have meshes of not less than 4" — inches, by extension measure. — You will on Examining the Barrels of Trout, find at least a dozen of young fish in each barrel - being the smallest. — The person charged must prove legal expense, — read last line, and four last words of second last line, of Section 11. of the Act, on page 7. — And with my warm regards. — Believe me, —

Yours Sincerely, —
John Wilkie
Fishery Overseer

Andrew Stephen Esqre
Fishery Overseer, —
Orangeville, Ont^o.

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from the department of Marine and Fisheries. —
Legal power
There is no other, by which any man can spear
fish! — Mr Binghams way of doing business is all
wrong with: his illegal way of issuing permits, collecting
fees and keeping the Money for his own use, and
paying it for Groceries, &c. — are all things of the
past. — I have sent the department at Ottawa,
upwards of $700 — for licenses for during this year, —
which I have received and delivered; and out of this amount I
have only received three fee, $10. from you!!.

Whatever Money you may have on hand
that may have been recently collected by you, —
let me have it at once, with Names of the
persons applying for licenses, residences, and des-
tination the place where they require the license
for. — And with Kind regards, —

Yours Sincerely, —
J. W. Kerr —
Fishery Overseer.

Mr Jas: W. McCall, —
P. Guardian, —
St Williams. §

Fishery Bounties Office. — —
Hamilton, 17. May 1862. —

Sir,

I Have the honor to send you Bank draft No: for the Sum of Thirteen dollars. — — —

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for this current year, as follows: —

1. F. St. Cosy, Burlington Beach; For Sein hauling Licence to fish in Burlington Bay, already received. $5.00 ct.
2. James Massie, Hamilton, For do, do, " 5.00 "
3. Joseph [illegible] Walsingham; For a Boat Licence to fish 200 Hooks, in Lake Erie, in front of the East quarter of Lot No: 10, — 14th Concession of Walsingham. — $1.00 ct.
4. Collins Lafortune, Walsingham, For a Boat Licence to fish 200 Hooks, on lines, in Lake Erie, — front of the West quarter of Lot No: 9, — 4th Concession of Walsingham. — $1.00 ct.
5. William Chapman, Walsingham, For Boat Licence, to set 200 Hooks, on lines, in Lake Erie, — in front of the [illegible] 80 Rods of Lot 9, in 5th Concession of Walsingham; commencing from the East, and extending west. — $1.00

Will you be please to insert the Total. $13.00 ct.
protection clauses in the Lost 3, Licences. —

And with due respect

I Have the Honor to be, —
Sir, —
Your Obedient Servant
[illegible]
Fishery Overseer

W. J. Whitelaw Esq
Sec: of Fisheries —
Ottawa. — —

Fishery Overseer's Office.—

Sir,

Hamilton, 19. May 1882.

I have the honor to report for your information, that on yesterday the 18th instant, Nathaniel Goodland, Fish dealer, Hamilton; was fined $1. and costs, or 8 days in Hamilton Gaol: for having in his possession 200. Hundred Mudcats and Bullheads, caught in Oppleyards brook, which is situated in East Flamboro, by a young man named James Smiley, who had them caught by Mole on the night of the 17th instant.

Smiley sold the fish to Goodland for seven dollars;— The magistrate made Smiley return this money to Goodland again. The fish were all confiscated, some of them were thrown into the bay.

These Traps Mole used in catching mudcats may be some of the Nets referred to in Mr Whitney's fish Nets Bill.

And till the next report.—

I have the honor to be.—

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

John D. Kerr,

Fishery Overseer.—

W. H. Venables Esqre

Commissioner of Fisheries—

Ottawa.

Hamilton, Ontario
19. May 1882.

Dear Sir,—

How is it that you and George White, had Gill Nets fishing in Whitby Harbour on the 12th inst of this Month — May: — Whereas your licenses expired on the 30th inst of April last. — You will be each of you fined for transgressing the Law. —

And if the facts are proven against you as reported to The Fisheries department Ottawa; your licenses will not be renewed another season. — I done all in my power to obtain your licenses for you against Overwhelming power brought up against you; and you have deceived me! — although I would have sworn you would not offend as you have done. —

Yours &c. — &c. —

H. W. Keys —

Fishery Overseer

Messrs
John Brandfoot and
George White,
Whitby —

Hamilton, Ontario
19. May 1882.

My dear Sir, —

I have had the Honourable Minister of Customs, of the Royal, down here to see me about fishing matters. He returns home today. — He will support you at the approaching Election; and will vote and get others to vote for you. — On his return through Victoria, I directed him to call on Maurice Smith, — get from him a Voters list of Electors and send it to me. — I will assist you all I can in your Election. — If there is any thing in particular you wish me to do for you, don't hesitate to apply to me. —

And believe me — with warm regards and my best wishes for your successful return at the head of the Poll, on the 20th inst of June next. —

Yours Respectfully, —

William Wallace Esqre
M. P. — Simcoe, Ontario

Private!

Hamilton Ont.
20 May 1911

My dear Sir,-

Your kind note in reference to the 20 Male, found was duly received by me, and for which I sincerely thank you..

And now as regards your business and successful Election for Niagara and Lincoln...

In the first place, I will vote for you myself in Niagara... Joseph Gabriel Sr. and Joseph Gabriel Jr. (father and son) have heretofore promised me to Vote for Mr. Plumb.- I think you may count on them for your self. Harry Sheppard and his sons- I believe can be got to Vote and support you; at the last Election, although always a Reformer he did not and would not support nor vote for Hughes, as against Mr. Plumb- I asked him to stay away from the Election and he done so.- On last Sunday week, I saw him at Niagara, and I spoke

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to him about you. I am almost sure he will vote for you. Are they as certain, if your Opponent happens to be a R.C.- mother he — his sons will vote against you.- I will see all these people next week.-

The 20. M. found- Man is all OK. — Harry Sheppard and sons, — and Joe Gabriel and Son, live at, and near Queenston division, St. Davids, is their voting division.- - -

I will be doing all I can for you, and should you happen to know this, you might in your tour round call and see old Mr. Joseph Gabriel Sr. and Son — They live at the foot of the Hill in Queenston, near Mr. Hamilton's as you come out of the Village on your way to Niagara.-

Harry Sheppard, lives back on the first Concession Road, west of the Niagara Railway,- and he is a very worthy good and a thorough respectable Man.- You need not be delicate when talking to them; for

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to mention my Name freely to them for we are friends of 17 years standing.-

They are fishermen,— Besides Harry S. . . nd, is the Owner of 150 or 75 acres of Land.— I have 2 of them — to persuade to vote as I do.

I have Voters list for the Township of St — yons so that you need not be backward in giving to me Your anything I can do for — and a good old Constitutional Cause — Cause, Country and Queen!

At the same time don't make everyone as wise as we are ourselves.— It is my duty to run down some time to Durham to see those good people ourself. The last time I was at James Sheppard, he was on the hill about 500 yards, east of James's if you go down call and see him; for I believe if I can get you and I will get all those people to vote for you.— And believe me;— Yours Sincerely,

J. M. Rykert Esq[re] M.P.P. J. W. Kerr
St Catharines.—

Wellcome Lodge,—

Please find enclosed your by Sunday's Mail; three Hooks and three Eyes; the last your Name applied for: viz[t] 1. Joseph Crook, Walsingham, @ 1.00[cts]
2 — Benjamin Overpaw, do. — 1.00[cts]
Collin's Lafore — do. — 1.00[cts]
And will you please hand each to the person for whom intended.—

Many thanks for the Snuff Rock, I received from you on Saturday last — and Believe me,—

Yours Sincerely,—
J. W. Kerr,—
Deputy Grand Master,—
Hamilton C.W.—
21st May 1852.—

Grand Secretary Esq[re]
Toronto.
Grand Guardian,—
Port Royal.—

My dear Sir. —

I am in receipt of your favour of 20th instant, enclosing Post Office Order for Fifty five dollars on account of Licenses for to fish two pound Nets in Lake Erie, in front of certain lots, situated in the Township of Rainham, during this current year. — The Balance of 35 you can send me — your convenience. — I have had your licenses for more than one month in my possession and will soon take it up to you .. I hope you will have a good successful season; and believe me as usual.

Yours Sincerely. —

D. Swaty —
E. H. Fisherman. —
Selkirk, Ont.

John W. Lees —
Fishery Overseer.

P. S. Your Money goes to Fisheries department. Ottawa, this day. — J. W. Lees, P.O.

Immediate!

My dear Sir, —

I was at Cudy's on yesterday morning, (Monday,) Tom. pulled up on the Upper Ground, he got 33. Salmon Trout and White fish; a very good sample of fish.

Cudy I — tried to get some fish and be there when You came up. I would have gone on to Grimsby. — As I want to see you. — I by — you have lost no Nets during last —.. Please dont pronounce your Into to any one until I see you and we will talk over the matter — Are you catching any fish. Remember me to Mrs Hand and Children and believe me —

Yours Sincerely. —

John W. Lees —
Hamilton Ont.

28 June 1882. —

Mr John Hand,
Fisherman,
Grimsby. — Ont.

Fishery Overseers Office,—
Hamilton, 23. May 1882.—

Sir.

I Have the honor to send you herewith Bank draft No: 78. for the sum of Fifty Eight dollars. — —

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for the current year, as follows: —

1. Darius Swarty of Rainham; On a/ct of License already received for to fish two pound Nets in Lake Erie. amount is $ 80. — Now sent you only. — $ 55.00.

2. Jacob Riggs. Grimsby. For a Boat license to fish 210 yards of Gill Net, in Lake Ontario in front of Lot No: 21. B.F. in the township of Grimsby. — Amount is. — — — — 2.00.

3. Dr. Thomas F. J. Harrison. Selkirk. — For a license to fish a dip Net in Stony Creek which is situated in the Townships of Rainham and Walpole 1.00

Total. $ 58.00

Will you please insert the protection clause in the Letter the licenses. — And with due respect,

I Have the Honor to be, —

Sir.

Your Obedient Servant,

John Wilkie.

Fishery Overseer. —

W. H. Wicks Esq.
Sec: of Fisheries
Ottawa.

Fishery Overseers Office...
Hamilton 25th May 1862.-

Sir

I Have the honor to send you Bank draft, No: 81 for the sum of Forty four dollars....

Will you be pleased to apply this amount, for this current season as follows: -

1. James Lazier, Sandusk Creek, On account of a license to fish Nets in Lake Erie, in front of Lots Nos. 19. and 20. First concession of the Township of Walpole, already received; - £0.00.

2. James K. Mann Walsingham, For a Net license to fish 200. Hooks and lines, for Sturgeon in Lake Erie, in front of the west quarter of Lot No: 11. in the Township of Walsingham, B.F. Concession. " 1.00.

3. James K. Mann Walsingham; For Net license to fish 200. Hooks and lines, for Sturgeon in Lake Erie, in front of the second Forty rods of Lot No: 10. extending west, B.F. Concession township of Walsingham. .. 1.00.

4. Albert Rockey, Walsingham: For do, do, in front of East 1/4 of lot No: 11. do, do, do, for No: 2. if you please. .. 1.00.

5. Jeff= Sedgwick, Walsingham: For do, do, in front of lot No: 1. - do. 100 Hooks, & do. - .. 50.

6. Leonard Stephens, Springfield: For a Net license to fish 100. Hooks and lines, for Sturgeon, in Lake Erie, in front of Lot No: 18. in the township of Houghton, B.F. Concession. - .. 50.

And with the compliments. Total - £44.00.

I Have the Honor to be
Sir..
Your Obedient Servant
John W. Stanton D. Overseer.

W. B. Whitcher Esq. Comm. of Fisheries, Ottawa.

Absolute!!

Dear Sir

What are you doing? How many Pounds are you selling? Why dont you send me some Money and I will apply for your Licence. Get the man to whom you sell your fish to advance you the Money, and send it to me immediately. With Kind regards

Yours Sincerely

J. W. Lees

Hamilton Ont.

24. May 1852

J. W. Lees Esqr.
Fisherman
Sandusk Creek
Sellkirk P. Office

Dear Sir

I am just in receipt of yours of 22nd instant, containing ₤40. dollars, first instalment on account of Licence, for the fishing Stake in Lake Erie in front of Lots Nos 19. and 20. — 1st Concession of Walpole. As requested, I now send your Licence. — You can pay me balance ₤40. — as soon as you get it in. —

Should you put in a Third Net, as you talked to me about, you can let me know. — I wish you every success — And with Kind regards. —

Yours Sincerely

J. W. Lees

Fishery Inspector

Hamilton C.W.

28. May 1852.

P.S. Have been fishing at the Lake. Messrs Munro and Wilson have joined for Licences. —

J. W. Lees

Esq.

J. W. Lees Esqr
C. W. Dickson
Pedgeon
Burlington Heights

Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
24th May 1892.

S. M. Armstrong Esqre
St Joseph,
Michigan, U.S.

My dear Sir,

I am just in receipt of your letter of 20th instant.

And in reply, I beg to answer your questions as follows:

1st What is the lawful size of Meshes used in fishing with gill Nets

In answer to this, I may inform you that 5" inches, by stretch measure, is the lowest size mesh used for Salmon Trout, and White fish. I send you a Fishery Act to enlighten you on the subject.

2nd Does the Law allow fishing with Round Nets?

In answer to this, I say yes! There is one pound only fished in my division of Lake Ontario; whilst at the head there are Eighteen Rounds being fished in my division of Lake Erie.

3rd What is the license fee year?

In Lake Erie, Bona Fide fishermen pay $10,— per season per pound for single heads or pots with an 80 Rod lead, and Hearts. And in Lake Ontario, the license fee is $50 dollars.

4th Do you think it would pay to fish, say Six Miles from shore for White fish in Lake Ontario? In reply to this I impression is, it would! Our fishermen are men of small means, consequently, they are not able to go heavily into fishing, are not fishing as a trust or work means to share, and with great success sometimes. I have known as high as 80 Salmon Trout, weighing 12 pounds, taken at one lift or pulling of nets in Season. Any further information you may require, I will be most happy at all times to give you. Yours respectfully,

H. H. Kell Esq

And Ten Mile fish, last season in one lift.

Hamilton Ont.
24 May 1858.

My dear Sir

How is your fishing progressing? are you doing well? I hope you are! How many Round fish are there Chief, Allan and Ainsley fishing at present? please let me know. — Overholt, a fisherman, complained through Mr Bell the Inspector at St Williams that you had caught and sold 12 Barrels of Packers the week before last — to the Buffalo dealers — and ordered me to look after it immediately. — I replied I I suppose he would not do so only he has permission from the department of Marine and Fisheries. — And I enquired of he had any thing else to complain of!! —

I hope you are all well and doing well. and believe me — Yours Sincerely —
W. H. Alderson Esqre — H. W. Keir —
P. M. P^t. Port Dover — J. Cudmore —

P.S. Remember me Kindly to Frank! —
Dalton P.O.

My dear Sir

Your favour of the 22nd instant has been duly received. —

And in reply, I beg to inform you, I have already received of Mr. James Larose — a/c^t of license for to fish two pounds, single pots, or heads in Lake Erie, in of Lots Nos 19 and 20 N.F. Division, in Township of Walpole; for this present year.

I have sent this Money to the Fisheries department, Ottawa; and I sent the License, by post to Mr James Larose: Who made application for the license. — I have no power whatever to change that license now, and every other thing you write, as contained in your letter to me, is altogether foreign to me, and my duty as a fishery officer; as I cannot interfere in your private affairs. — You and Larose, should work harmoniously together — —

I. S.

Hamilton, Ont.
30. April 1882.

Confidential and private

My dear Sir, —

Yours of 27th instant: is just received; Will you look at your license, and hand it over, and if it does not specify that you can fish a Seine, send the license to me at once, and I will have it inserted immediately in the license, for if my memory serves me — I believe your license is only for Hooks and fish Nets. —

Please send me the Names of persons who fished Ross's Seine Nets, on Sundays on Grand River — and give me the dates. — And Keep cool and quiet, until I receive your license and have it Corrected. —

Yours &c.
D. W. Kerr. —
Fishery Overseer.

Mr.
August Schumacher,
Port Maitland,

My duty is to carry out the fishery law, its Rules and regulations; — was I to interfere in private matters; my hands would be soon too, too. full. — So you will please excuse me and believe me. —

Yours Truly,
D. W. Kerr. —
Fishery Overseer.
Hamilton, Ont.
26. May 1882. —

Elmes Harrison Esq.
Cheapside.
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Hamilton, Ont.
30. Sept. 1882.

My dear Sir,

Yours of 27th instant is just received; while you do not agree with me, and if it does not objectify that you can put a term, leave the decision to me at once, and I will have it inserted immediately in the issue. For if you prefer leaving me I believe your issue is only for thirty one life Act.

Please send me the Census of Toronto with Gains Act, as promised in January last - but keep and give me the date. - But keep and use until until I receive your issue and have it discontinued.

Yours &c.

Gilmour.

Hon. Edward Blake,
Q.C. Toronto.

Yours truly
Gilmour
Hamilton, Ont.
30. Sept. 1882.

Please discuss the Copyright Law with Mr. Blake, and if you can, get him to write me a letter on the subject. - He can write plainly to me and believe me. -

Copy.—

Hamilton, Canada,
18. May 1882.—

Dear Sir,— Re. Ontario Cotton Mills Co.—

We have written to the Minister of Fisheries referring him to clause 14. of the act. 31. Victoria 1868,— and asking that the Ontario Cotton Mills Company be exempted under this Act, and have to request that proceedings be delayed until the Department shall have taken action in the matter.

This case was adopted in the Dundas Mills case, and we hope you will see your way to letting the matter stand over in the mean time.—

Yours truly,
Martin Wheat

J. W. Kerr Esqre
Inspector of Fisheries
Hamilton, Ont^o

Fishery Overseers Office --
Hamilton, 29. May 1882.--

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose copy of letter dated Hamilton, Ont. 18. May 1882.- from Martin and Elliot Solicitors, to, The Hon: The Minister, in behalf of The Ontario Cotton Works, of this City, with your instructions to me to report to you thereon.-

In obedience to your Order, I have the honor now to state for your information, that on the 24th day of April last, my attention was first called to the large quantity of Dye stuffs, that had commenced two days previous to be run into the waters of Burlington bay, at the foot of James street, frequented as it is, by several of the varieties of fish, known in the fisheries act, from the Cotton Works referred to.- The dye stuffs were bagged, and Brands K K.

In consequence of the information I then received I visited the locality, and I had the Manager of the C. W. James, summoned up before James Gibb Esq[re] J. P. Police Magistrate, Hamilton on the 27. of May instant. The following persons were sworn and "did testify and say, to prove who the owners of 2 bags K K "from the Cotton Factory situated on James, James, and Pearl "Street City of Hamilton".- Three witnesses were examined, and the case was then adjourned for a fortnight, and in the mean time I have Mr. Edward Martin Solicitor, and Mr. T. Whitehead the President, who requested me to delay proceedings, and give them an opportunity of applying to The Hon: The Minister, to have their Establishment, entirely exempt, from the operation of Sub section 2, of Section 14. of the Fisheries Act.-

I attach copy of letter, I received from Martin and Elliot Esq[rs], for your information.- Having then, consulted with the Magistrate, it was agreed between him, and I, to delay with the proceedings, awaiting your instructions, on receipt of their application.- I may here take the liberty of reporting, that on the 2nd W. F. Whitehead Esq[re]

Com: of Fisheries,
Ottawa.

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assistant, after the adjourned Trial, I was at Hamptons Rent House, which is about 100 yards, from the place, where the dye stuffs, enter the waters of N. bay, and I then observed some small fry gasping in this dye stuff, it being at the time blown in, in a thicker state, than usual, about Hamptons Rent House, situate on the Bay. — Mr Charles Abbot, who was with me dipped up one of the fry, — at the top of a pail full. — I have frequently visited the Bay since, when the dye stuff, have daily run into its waters, for — dyeing woolen hose, which comes with the Dye liquor of the bottom Factory, and altho' the dye stuff was there in abundance, except the discolour, and muddy the Bay water for several yards all around; I have not seen nor observed any other bad results from it, beyond what I have described. — —

I have also seen several fry frisking in clear water, within 20 yards of where the dye stuff runs out of the Wooden pipe into the waters of the Bay; I have seen them catch them fish, and I have not observed at any time a single dead fish floating on the water, in the locality, nor lying dead on the shore of the Bay. — Nevertheless! on the first instance, I deemed it most reasonable, as a check to this bottom plaids boy, — to bring the matter before the Magistrate, and in doing so, I may here tell you, that one of the witnesses swore he saw several dead Fry there; after the dye stuff, first enter the waters of the Bay. — The bottom plaids, is about 150 yards from the Bay. —

The case in this instance is different from the bottom plaids, and Dye House, situated at Dundas, on a stream emptying as plaids Mountain, stream of) enters into N. bay. — Dundas bottom plaids, is three miles from N. bay, and the plaids and dye stuff refuse passing therefrom, would have all its substances pass this analysis completely running along Dundas plaids before it enters N. bay, and the Bay is: Whilst — this case it has only to run 150 yards, distant from the dye House, in an under ground drain, and empty directly into the

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waters of B. bay. — Hence why, I insist that this dye stuff must be made harmless in the bath of the dye House, before it is discharged therefrom into this underground drain. —

Now as regards the refuse from the Gas Works, and the G. W. Railway Works. —

I beg to report that I have on several occasions talked with Mr. Littlehales, the Engineer and Manager of the Hamilton Gas Works, and there is no cause of complaint whatever in that direction. — It is evident Mr. Edward Martin, in referring to Gas Co. he apparently has' company, is not familiar with this fact. — It is only perhaps, once in 7 years, that the refuse from the Gas Works is discharged; and the mouth of the sewer, where the refuse is thus discharged, is cut, and extends a sewer, west of Ferguson Ave. so far away from the waters of B. bay, that by the time it got there, evaporation would have destroyed all its deleterious properties, and injurious effects. — —

With reference to the G. W. Railway Works; I never had occasion to complain by reason of the sewage for the past twelve years; and 6 months, in connection with the Fisheries. —

As regards the sewage from the City generally; — entering the waters of B. bay, referred to by Mr. Martin, I may say I have no reference in fact to this Bottom Slide sewer. And as regards "The refuse from another slide." — "The Hamilton Bottom slide is emptied into the Bay, through the Main Sewer of the City." — he says Mr. Edward Martin. —

I have to report, that this Bottom slide, is situated far away from the waters of B. bay, that no damage whatever, can happen to the fish therein, by the refuse therefrom entering its waters, for this Bottom slide is to the mouth of the sewer drain, on Ferguson Avenue, under the about 300 yards; and thence to the waters of B. bay about 300 yards, so that you will please observe no bad results could happen to the fish, by the refuse from this Bottom Slide. — — —

the Chief [illegible] I have had much pleasure in giving this case to you. I deem it to be my duty to give you the foregoing facts. —

In conclusion, I have to report that in objecting to you in this case, I beg most respectfully to recommend that a fence notice should be given, by this Interim Authority, that they will destroy the deleterious properties of the dye stuffs waste and other poisonous poisonous matter now flowing into Lake it is allowed to pass by the "Dye house" while the Inspector, the Dyer in charge can do," into the Lake — the dye house premises, which discharges into Burlington Bay. —

As this Cotton Mill is about to become a very large Concern, when it commences operations with 400 hands employed: I am very desirous to see that it is tenderly handled by the Fisheries department being a young industry starting into existence. —

The following is a list of the Board of Directors. —

1. A. T. Wood. Hamilton. President.
2. John Walker. — Burlington. Vice President
3. [illegible] Gurney. Hamilton. — Director —
4. Charles Gurney. — do. — — —
5. W. H. Robinson. — do. — do. —
6. William Hendrie. — do. — do. —
7. — Legat. — do. — do. —
8. Alex. Duncan. do. — do. —

It must however be admitted by all fair minded persons that Burlington Bay with its thousands of dry places thereon covered by the Fisheries department: Wharves, Slips, Piers, Breakwater, Light of Pleasantville, Entrance: besides its millions of dry, bare shores naturally; not taking into account besides, its millions of parent fish, of almost all Kinds, which at present occupy a prominent position, in the public mind. —

I shall when Cotton Mills, Gas Works, G. W. Ry. Works —

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Hamilton Harbour. Vs. to must referred to, by Martin, and Elliot are taken into a/c, and estimated, at 4, as but a drop in the Bucket, when compared to the vast multitude of fishes at present in the waters of H. Bay.—

Sirs, I have — to report that no progress was commenced, — the witnesses summoned by Jno James Esdaile Esqre J. P., — on 2nd instant. Mr Edmund Martin, Esqre present for the bottom boy, — adjourned, adjourned again; — for Martin and Elliots request. — I hope it will not be considered out of place, if I recommend to you; that the Ontario Bottom fishermen, who are not any one of them wealthy, should pay the yearly, tolls, — Constables fees — for attending Court.

With all the foregoing remarks, and hoping the same will meet your approval, for I have spoken candid. I have the honor to recommend that the Ontario Bottom fishermen, of the City of Hamilton, be exempt from the operation of sub section 2, of Section 114. of the Fishery Act; and that the Hon: The minister, "approving of my report" will be pleased to exercise in favor his power in this case. — I dont think it will conflict with the public interest: — These conditions I have set forth. — And will now respectfully

I have the Honor to be,

Sirs —

Your Obedient Servant

John Wilson

Fishery Overseer —

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Fishery Overseers Office...

Hamilton, 2nd June 1882.—

Sir,—

I Have the honor to send you Bank draft No: 110, for the sum of One Hundred and Eighteen dollars...

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as licence fees, for this current season, as follows: —

1. Frank Jackson, Port Dover,— On account of Pound Net license, to fish in Lake Erie, already received for year 1882.— Sent on 1st inst. $ 80.00 ct.

2. James Cudmore, Niagara; For a Seine hauling license, to fish in Lake Ontario, on Station, No: 13,— township of Niagara already received and delivered.— 20.00

3.— Messrs Albert Hale & Co,— Niagara; For a Seine hauling license to fish in Lake Ontario on Station No: 12, township of Niagara, already received and delivered,— 15.00

4. Ira Romans, Walsingham; For a Boat license, to fish 100 Stingeen Hooks on lines in Lake Erie, in front of the 5th fifteen rods of Lot No: 11.— Broken front, Township of Walsingham.— —.— 50 ct.

5 George Couting,— do, do do, do,— in front of the 6th fifteen rods of Lot No: 11,— do, —.— 50 ct.

6, William Leach, Houghton, For a Boat license to fish 100 Stingeen Hooks on lines in Lake Erie in front of the East quarter of Lot No: 1,— 1st con. of Houghton,— —.— 50 ct.

7. James Lenel do do in do.— in front of the west quarter of Lot No: 1.— do.— —.— 50 ct.

8 Dewit Spencer, Walsingham;— For a Boat license to fish 200 Hooks for Stingeen on lines in Lake Erie in front of the west 1/4 of Lot No: 12,— B.F. Concession, township of Walsingham.— 1.00 ct.

And with due respect, Total — $ 118.00 ct.

I Have the honor to be
Your Obedient Servant
John Wise
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Com: of Fisheries —
Ottawa.— —

My dear Sir —

I send you by this days Mail the following licenses which you will please deliver immediately. —
1. James Ryckman — Wainfleet. —
2 James Rykman — do. —
3. Albert Rookey — do. —
4 Leonard Stephens — Stoughton —
5. Jeff. Lundagan — do. —
and believe me —

Yours faithfully —
H. Kirk —
Fishery Overseer —
Hamilton Ont.
2. June 1882. —

Jacob Bigger Esqre
P. Jamieson —
Port Royal. —
Ont.

My dear Sir —

I send you by Mail to day your licence for to fish 200 yards of Herring Gill Net in Lake Ontario in front of Lot No: 21. Broken Front, Louces= ter township of Grimsby, during this sea= son year. — And with kind and warm regards, — Believe me, —

Yours Truly —
H. Kirk —
Fishery Overseer
Hamilton, Ont.
2d June 1882.

Jacob Bigger Esqre
Grimsby. —
Ont.

My dear Doctor —

I send you license, and as I lost the Plans Name, for whom you applied, will you please insert name and deliver for me. —

I send the license to day by Mail — And with my kind regards —

Yours Sincerely —

J. White —

Fishery Overseer

Hamilton Ont.

2. June 1892.

Thomas F. J. Harrison Esq.

M. D. and Surgeon —

Ya. Ya. Ya. —

Selkirk Ont.

Gentlemen. -

I am aware you have been fishing Pounds for sometime in Lake Erie. —

Will you be pleased to send me the usual rate for each pound, as soon as convenient, and I will at once apply apply to fisheries department, Ottawa, and get up your license for this current year. —

Please in doing this inform me, in front of what Lots, and the Township, you are at present fishing. —

I am Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant, —

J. White, —

Fishery Overseer, —

Hamilton, Ont.

5. June 1892. —

Messrs Dingley. - and -

" J. L. Allen. —

Bound Not Inspectors. —

Port Dover. - Ont.

Memorandum for the Hon. P. Mitchell,
Fisheries department,
Ottawa...

I attach report from Thomas of Parks Counties, of Lots Lennox Hamilton bought Lyon Steyer and Lennox, on last Monday evening Meeting... Captain Thomas Campbell, is the Light House Keeper of the Burlington Canal Lights (2.) on Burlington Canal. - William Massey - Hamilton has a license, on B. Bay, on B. beach; a small frontage where he can accommodate like Public with Boats for Angling during the summer season... But Mr Massey has no license from the department for some years past, it is only this year he wrote - Port Dover on the Lake Erie Western Shore, on which he keeps a fleet of Boats for renting out. Mr Thomas to please to have given you the proper report with Enclosed, and Mr Lee to act. And to be communicated... I have just visited for the Rangers; - in two days - in of these stray months, which has drawn their - only with - to the Low lying grounds, from the Pier Head and Lighthouse going down the N. Shore for Lennox & by Lee, the rest of Gibbet - very small indeed all round... Some fishermen have not made enough of money to pay their Board. - (Any Jim) - Thomas Cartwright, who has done well on his Farm ground plot: 10. - Jack - if he, for License for one station plot: 8. - when the men do not make their Board... Cartwright gave up his share of fish caught on station B. to pay off Lennox. - Lee if. Mr. H. - l. about Thomas, after they on Station K. and Station caught most fish, but more expended if 200, - and the season is - on the wane, - Lennox the men have been distributed by for the fish Pier - Lee Ships, Lennox gets happy!.

You will find by the Inventory of Thomas Mr. for Rangers, Lot if 10. - has been sent you up to date from Lennox Landing ground at Niagara. -

Allan Bay — did not catch more than £20. worth of gold on Station 17. — they owe £10. — Barnes Jaques & Co this amount for this year, as they have been closing this ground. they have paid £20. — on station No: 15. an increase of £5. on previous year. — Leitch and Elliot Bay — have paid £30. — still leaving £15. due. — perhaps you will be pleased to consider £30. — all sufficient for this current year. — Horton, 3 Lot 11 caught about £6 worth of gold altogether. — Horton on Lot No: 16 — only caught £24. worth. — Those men still owe for their Canoes Boats ropes &c. — Davey cleared himself — Such on the whole are incidents that happen in aspirants to become gold — . — Of course you are aware that old gold usually keep outside of the bluish water, still, it can happen, say for that your claim is done in old or other milky water. — I have been thinking that as we have already got £5. additional this year over last year from Horton Allan Bay, and Caldwell that perhaps you may consider it amiss in me — if I was to recommend that the Rent licenses usually issued at £5 each to those gold-diggers — may shortly be given to each of them this year Yes. — I don't see [illegible] the propriety of the Commissioner and your approval of my proposition. — At these Lands, — five men engaged, on last Wednesday — only 1½ ounces gold caught altogether. —

Excuse me for taking up your time at such length. — and believe me — Very respectfully —

Your Obedient Servt

Wm Kerr —

Gold Commissioner.

Hamilton Canterbury
2d June 1862.

C.C.
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private!

My dear Sir

By Maundeuse sent you this day, you will find how very unsuccessful Sewin fishing has been at Niagara this year. —

I was present on Wednesday and saw 3 hauls made occupying four hours, 18 white fish result. — I could not even get a glimpse of fish. — In the afternoon I run up to Queenston from Niagara on Wednesday — expecting on my return to see some good fishing but it rained and stormed so that no fishing could be done at all.

Whenever Convenient please send me £100 — as I am just run ashore. — I thank you for copy of letters from Overseers at Goderich and Collingwood. — This is the first season those small Trout made their appearance in the outside world of Hamilton, Toronto, Craigsville &c. Ya. —

I suppose they are sown

Newcastle Road fish. — But as I remarked to you; the Dams who fish in Lake Huron, are paid by the pound for all the fish they catch. — Those small Trout are not Marketable, the dealers say so, as well as myself. —

I hope the Whitefish & Whitefish Trout family are all well and will [illegible] for your welfare and happiness Believe me —

Your Obedt
Servt — &c.
Hamilton Cath.
2 June 1852

$10 Reward
for detection

My dear Mr Elliot

We got home all right.—
I saw Mr Church in Mr J. B Mackenzie's office at St
Catharines... He tells me stock of Fish. great. — —
The manager of the Standard Bank Brantford
with whom I was in conversation on yesterday when
getting a draft for $41 dollars on the Fisheries
department, Ottawa told me he would make up
a party and go to Niagara Falls early down
the first for Race — I gave him your address
and I told him you would furnish the boats
Rods (shells) Reels and Lines — So will please
lay in a stock of shells — I cant say what
day he will come down however he will
come direct to you when he and friends
do come. I told him he would be well pro-
vided for. — I have been thinking about the
W. Fish hatching at Niagara and I have come
to the conclusion that you will have good
lake fishing yet in this month. — So

In that I would advise you to Jim Bolton
Allan, and Dansf- Ball & Boy — not to abandon the Lewis
hauling grounds yet for if we should have a spell
of good weather the White fish are sure to come
in as soon as the water gets clear. — —
I have reported the present and past state of
Lewis hauling affairs of the Fisheries for 1882, so far
to the department and of the result is favorable
I will come down when I hear from Ottawa
I have collected, for Lewis hauling licenses I
might say without a murmur $168 dollars —
Queens of Sturgeon Hook licenses all of which
I have sent the department Ottawa from the Ole
Borough — fishermen this year. —
In a Memorandum I sent to the department
on yesterday, I explained the position of fishing
affairs, as they stand for this season in Niagara,
and I asked for certain privileges for you
also — and if granted, then so much for your
benefit; if not granted, the fault will not be
mine! — A heavy raining fog, up here this morn-
ing. — I have to date sent off 935.5 lbs. of the Fish

Gentlemen,

I am aware you have been jobbing "2 pounds" for some time....

Will you be pleased to send me Eighty dollars, as soon as convenient, and I will square it off at once, and get up your License for the current year... please in doing this, to write me, in front of what look, like the Envelope, you are at present jobbing — Like this.—

I am, Gentlemen,
Your Obedient Servant
H. W. Stow.
Deputy Surveyor.
Hamilton, Ont.
5 June 1882.

Messrs Davis Stone
and J. W. Stewart
C. E. Carpenters.
Port Dover, Ont.

I acquainted you yesterday between 3 & 4 o'clock I suppose I have about the 4th time I have called upon you lately.

There was more than 40 Rangers on the Wednesday that there was up here. Cattle were seen feeding on the grounds where plots were sown to rent.

The more I know at present - don't get in a rattle and look at the Plot and in the House, as there is not as long as the matter is in your Jobbing Orders. Take Book Rent & the Rest — they — do not concern this!! Look up your first year's letter and see how much better than this it was you have made by Jobbing. — and with kind regards to Mrs. — I believe me —

Yours Sincerely —
H. W. Stow —
Hamilton, Ont.
8 June 1882. —

Mrs. Mrs. Ellis
Rangers

Gentlemen,

I am sorry you have
been waiting "a pound" for some time...
Will you be pleased to send me [illegible]
address, as soon as convenient, and I will =
[illegible] me, and get up your claims for
[illegible] assent upon... - Please in doing
this, it is quite necessary to state the
[illegible]
& ... the Township upon which you are present
finishing in this line. - -

I am, Gentlemen,
Your Obedient Servt.
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Fisheries Overseers Office...
Hamilton, 6. June. 1862.--

Sir

I have the Honor to apply to you, and I beg most respectfully to recommend that licences may be issued for this current year, to the undermentioned by you as soon as convenient, viz:-

1. Henry Sheppard, Queenston; For a licence to fish One Seine 120 yards long, in the Niagara River, between the Queenston wharf and the Black Horse Tavern, situated in the Township of Niagara, amount for this current year. £ 10.00 ℔

2. Mr Whitmarsh, Queenston, For a licence to fish a pleuche in Niagara River on Station No: 17, amount to be, " 2.00 ℔
fix up planes, same as last year. - - Pt of Niagara.

3. Joseph Gabriel, Esq Queenston. For licence to fish a pleuche on Lots Nos 1. and 14. in the Niagara River at Queenston; No: 1. Station to extend as far down the River as the Queenston Wharf, - amount is to be, do - - 10.00

4. James Wynne, Queenston, For a licence to fish a pleuche on Lot No: 3. in the Niagara River, at Queenston Heights, am - to be only. - - do.. - 2.00 ℔

And be pleased to insert the protection clauses in each licence; and with due respect. - -

I Have the Honor to be -
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
H Wilson,
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esq Sec
Sec of Fisheries. -
Ottawa. - - &

Fishery Overseers Office.
Hamilton, 7. June 1882.

Sir,

I have the honor to receive copy of Messrs Rae, Douglas Gordon and Shepley's letter for John Turner, dated Toronto, 19. May last, for a lease of certain "portion of Toronto Harbour for purposes of Building "a wharf," with your instructions to me to report to you thereon. - -

And in reply I have the honor to report and I recommend that the same may be granted at the yearly rent of Twenty five dollars or amount agreed to, for Ninety. -

In order to ascertain what Mr John Turner of Toronto, who is the Owner of Three pleasure Steamers running from the City of Toronto to Hanlans point on Toronto Island required I went down the day (16th instant) and in Conversation I ascertained from Mr Turner exactly what he requires in the premises. - -

During the past year, a Lease for 5 years, at 150 $ per year each, was paid to Mr John Turner by the late deceased Patrick Gray, - and Edward Hanlan for running to their Wharfs, situated at Hanlans point on Toronto Island; As those leases expired last fall, Mr Turner now wants permission to build a wharf for his boats. - Last year Edward Hanlan built a New wharf within his licensed limits to replace an old wharf for many years situated in front of the Hanlan Old Stone stand to one, a small wharf, where the old wharf formerly stood: Mr John Turner now runs and lands passengers from two small pleasure Steamers, his property, whilst Mr Turners large pleasure Steamer when running

In W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Com^r of Fisheries
Ottawa. - -

lands the property at the wharf built by Edward Hanlan and finished during last year. —

There is a Steam Launch owned by Mr John Turner and another Steamer named the Queen Victoria owned by David Ward, of the City of Toronto also running at the present time to those Islands and another small wharf just recently built in front of the Old Hanlan Homestead on Toronto Bay — within the licensed limit of Edward Hanlan's property. — I believe Mr Hanlan's brother to Edward Hanlan claims this Wharf as his property; — recently built this spring. —

Mr John Turner's proposition is to lease 300 ft. frontage on the Bay with a commencing at the boundary line between Gage and Hanlan's property, thence all along the water edge including the above lease for a distance of 300 feet; and to extend out in the Bay for a distance of 100. yards, or to deep water; for the purpose of building a wharf to be owned and occupied exclusively for Steamboats. I understand from Mr Turner that Edward and Mr Hanlan approves of his application. — —

He twenty five dollars a year was freely offered by Mr Turner. — And if your approval of his application, which I strongly recommend, for your consideration the Owners of the two small wharfs should be compelled to pay a license fee also. —

He steamer have made and handsome this year at Toronto Island. — — — —

And with much respect. —

I Have the Honor to be, —

Sir —

Your Obedient Servant

Phil Kelly

Bailiff Assessor

Memorandum for the Hon. Sir P. Russell

Toronto

Ottawa.—

You will please find my report herewith on application for place to build a new wharf at the place designated on plan No. 3 Kain & Boy — letter to the Hon. the Minister, as Lot No. 83 — is shown on the plan of Toronto Island as the lot North of No 82 marked 2 AC. and which is the Boulain Old Homestead lot and its forms no part of the premises on which Edward Boulain has built a house. You have a plan of the Island along this to which I beg to refer you. — It is from the line marked on the plan, between lot No. 82 and this 2 AC. lot, in the Bay, that John Turner wants 300 feet frontage including one chain reserve for the extra 300 feet and 100 yards into the centre of the Bay for to build the wharf referred to and applied for. — The 300 feet — only the whole of it as with the Boulain house limits but then anything Boulain house into after I am limited for I am recommending that a Law

of 2, years be given to John Turner — for to build a wharf the said extent of long 300 feet you should perhaps be more say 400 feet for your guide might the matter, "to extend when to Thirty" — you can consider and fix it accordingly. — I may here take you that a great deal of the improvements, trees planted, a plank wharf built planked walk and a very large extensive part of Boulains point, have been all damaged — good or bad — by the high water — part carried with of the Boulains house. — Boulain is sick of your house I did not see him. The public will be well served by the building of this wharf applied for what is reasonably on the foshores and in front of a fishery reserve or bond allowance which should always be given to fishermen and the public. — I don't think and I say it to you in confidence Turner should be allowed to make improvements until the title and plan. —

Today on Toronto Island as at a station called, instead of Bar Island there are two piers. — Old Louis landing piers at the Head and

Memorandum for Mr. L. C. Bennett,

Indiana Department

Gibson. - -

Upon visit there and report herewith on application for plan to build a flow retaining the plan accompanied by letter to Hon. Frank Gray of the 8th inst. Plan shows, on dot ab 83 - is shown on the plan of Patoka Lake, on the left bank of Ab 83 marked 1.AC. over which is the Indiana Lot and the figure 2 AC. over which is the Indiana Lot and the figure 2 AC. over which is the Indiana Lot and the figure 2

P.S. For the last few days of the past the planes of heat have been most unusually disturbed for the time being, & the effects of the disturbance have not been altogether such as to make one very light. — for the most part of the time that you, there as a most agreeable change this year: — it has been I am sure a very much better year than that of 1881 was for me. — Why then why should people complain so much of the heat? — I am sure I don't know. —

As — general day we must for here to get rid of our present hot spell very quickly & I only hope — it — anything as for — duration — & the rest of the —

In my last letter I made some of the many remarks of the day. — One — was with heartiness. — I hope we shall — shortly for that one we mother will soon come & that Gideon will be able to wipe the tears off their little faces. —

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Now in the topmost of your [illegible] — London seems [illegible] on yesterday when I was there. — There were [illegible] pleasure steamers running that day only [illegible] people making themselves of the privilege of seeing over the water being cold and [illegible] — Our [illegible] here as we have [illegible] of late is wonderful. —

And with fond respect,

Believe me Your obedient [illegible]

Hamilton, Ont.
1st June 1882. —

J. Whitton.
Rickey Cottage

My dear Sir—

Will you be pleased to find by mail, sent you to day, licences for the undernamed to fish Hooks and lines in Lake Erie, during this current year ...—

1. Ira Bowers, 2. George Bettis,
3. William Leard — 4. James Leard, and
5. Dewit Spencer.—

Will you be pleased to deliver these licences on receipt and oblige me as usual. — Yours sincerely —

F. H. O'Kee. —
Fishery Overseer, —
Hamilton, Ont.
7. June 1882 —

One Answer Envelope
Fishery Guardian —
Port Royal —
Ont...

Private.

Memo: for S. P. Bowell,
F. department,
Ottawa. —

Your Niagara Memorandum received! — Many thanks for your kind considerate counsel and advice; which I highly prize and appreciate. — A Storm on Lake Erie, last Saturday night, damaged our fisheries much 2 Seines carried off altogether so Bowers writes me; — I have not heard what has happened to the Pound Nets. — It is still stormy up here!! — No rain here, since last Saturday. — Besides the 168, sent you altogether for Seine licences from Niagara fishermen: you will also please find that I sent you $39. dollars, on the 18 January last, for Sturgeon licences. — This is more money than I ever received for one season before in Niagara. —

yours respectfully.
F. H. O'Kee. —
F. Overseer.

Hamilton, Ont.
8. June 1882.

Fishery Overseer's Office.—
Hamilton, 8. June 1882.—

Sir,

I Have the honor to apply to you for Licenses to fish in Lake Erie, during this present year as follows:—

1. George Empson, Walsingham: For a Boat license to fish 100. Hooks, or lines, for Sturgeon in Lake Erie in front of Lot. , in the first Concession of Walsingham; amount is to be— $1.—50¢.
2. Frank Lafortune Walsingham: For do do, —50.
3 Denis Brouk, Walsingham: For Boat license to fish 100. Hooks, and lines for Sturgeon in Lake Erie, in front of the 6th 15. Rods of Lot No: 13,— B.F. Concession, commencing east, and running west; Tp. Walsingham.— —50.
4. William Smith, Walsingham: For a license to fish a Seine 55 yards long in Lake Erie, in front of the west quarter of lot No: 14. B.F. Con: Tp. Walsingham.— 2.00.—
5. William Ellis, Walsingham. For a Boat license to fish 300 yards of Rickard gill Net, in the Inner Bay, Lake Erie— South of the Ct Royal ship Canal, Commencing 40 Rods from the piles,— Tp. Walsingham.— 5.00.
6. Edward Burk, Stoughton: For a Boat license to fish 100. Hooks in Lake Erie on lines for Sturgeon, in front of the west quarter of Lot No: 22. B.F. Con: Tp. Stoughton,— —50.
7 Joseph Crawford, Stoughton: For do, do, do, in front of the east quarter of lot No: 19. do, do, —50.
8. John Woodward, Walsingham,— For Spearing license 1.00.
9. Edward Foster, do (to fish in Ct Royal ship Canal 1.00,
10. John Abbott, do do— L. Erie, from 1st of November— 1.00.—
1881. until 14. April 1882,— Township Walsingham.—
11. Will: Pickard.— Walsingham. For license to fish dip 1.00.
12. H. Brandon.— do.— net, in Ct Royal ship Canal 1.00.
13. Z. Dewitt. do.— during this current year.— 1.00.
Township of Walsingham.

And with due respect.— I Have the Honor to be.—
Sir,—
Your Obedient Servant,
John W. Kerr, Overseer.

To W. [illegible] Esq. Co
Com: of Fisheries,
Ottawa,—

Winnipeg Nov 1st 1887

My dear Mrs Sandford

During supplies & Mr. Evans; I believe we can manage that pipter address for you :- And I believe I will be able to go to Glen Alpine when Lizzie goes some time after the 5th inst.
And who have paid it" to girl girls Hotels during the balance of this year: without charging them the usual Rate Lizzie of $5. dollars. - -
1. James Sanderson, 2. Jock Nelson,
3. Rupert Wells, and boy. - to me the Allen, Brothers: while all were in under this indulgence. - - I mean to act justly and honestly with you all. - And to pay off your debts, if you think fit. -
I was on Grande Island, on Tuesday last; - Here are 4 Islands there now instead of two: you would be astonished to see it all! such activity, and water 8 feet deep, where there was no water last year. - - -

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Seven Steamers, running from City, to Grande Island, this year; three last year, five to Stonehouse point. but so far, with such broken weather one of them will make a fortune! - A Big shower of rain, with thunder and lightning last night to day! I got caught in it, and was out to the Farm. - I will most likely, be down early next week. I want to see the Voters at Fort Frances. -

The Right Hon.ble Sir John A. Macdonald, is to be at Dundurn, this evening; where no doubt, there will be at least 10.000, to hear him speak. I am going down to the Train, to be at the reception. - I suppose you might ask Mr. Carvalho to pay his Rent to you for me. - Any White fish, any caught in the River last. - Mr. Thomas, Manager of Montreal Bank, Hamilton, wishes me to bring part of his Family, with a party of Gentlemen, for fish and angle there, for a few days. - How are the candidates for Election getting along? How Mr. Robert, M.P. had a pleasing an

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Hon. Sir.—

Will you be pleased to receive by Mail, sent you this day, your Pound Net license paid for in July, for this current year.—

And with much respect.—

Your's Sincerely.—

J. W. Kerr.—

Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton. Ont.

10. June 1882.—

Hon. Darius Swartz.

Pound Net Fishermen.—

Selkirk. P. Office.—

Ont.

Fishery Overseer's office.-
Hamilton, 10. June 1882.-

Sir.

I Have the honor to send you Bank draft No: ... for the sum of Twenty five dollars.-

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as the balance in full, for a license granted to Mr. Darius Swarts, of Rainham; for fishing Two pound Nets in Lake Erie, in front of Lots Nos. 6.7.8.9.10, 11. and 12- in the 1st Concession of Rainham, during this current year.- License is dated 26. April 1882.-

And with Much respect.

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir.-
Your Obedient Servant.
A. Wilkinson.-
Fishery Overseer.-

W. F. Whitcher Esq.
Com: of Fisheries.-
Ottawa.----

Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton. 10. June 1882.—

Sir,

With reference to my former report, dated 7th instant; I have now the honor to enclose, and recommend a further application just received from Messrs McDougall Gordon and Shepley — Barristers Toronto — for your consideration.—

It is dated the 8th instant; but I only received this day.— Have with due respect

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

John W. Kerr.—

Fishery Overseer.—

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Com of Fisheries —
Ottawa.

Public Fishing Notice.—

Sea fishing Limits for Public fishing must be taken out of the following for their respective fishing grounds immediately.

Fishing Limits for Public fishing must withdraw within eight miles of land by those Limits for Public fishing Limits are as follows.—

Public fishing Limits 20 miles from land.

Fishing 100 Months fishing by them.—

Public Fishing Limits for the Bay of Quinte.—

Public fishing Limits 2 miles from land.

Fishing grounds in Lake Ontario.—

By Order

Inspector

Fishery Overseer

Hamilton, Ont. 10th June 1882.

Public Notice is hereby given that all persons

By Order

Fishery Overseer.

Copy.-

Toronto 8th June 1882.-

John W. Kerr Esqre
Dominion Inspector of Fisheries.
Hamilton.-

Dear Sir

One of our friend and client Captain John Turner, called upon us today with reference to the allotment to him of the wharf site for lease at Toronto Island.- He tells us that he had lately seen you and that you are now considering whether to allot him a site when he cannot wharf stands in front of Scanlans. or further back near Grays.- He appears most anxious to get the site in front of Scanlans for several reasons which he may not fully have explained to you. The site in question the northerly portion of lot 33, and the reasons he has for preferring it are that his wharf is there now, and there is a sufficient depth of water to enable his Boats to get in and out, without touching on the Corporation pipe, while further South this pipe forms an obstacle his Boats cannot pass and the water shallows so as to make it necessary to incur expense of dredging.- Kindly consider these points, and let the Captain have the Northerly berth if you can.- He has considerable money invested in the ferry business has done a great deal to build up the Islands, and make property valuable there, and ought to be well treated by the authorities.- This is the first application the Government has received so far as we can learn.- We understand the lease will be of 200. feet on the shore line, standing out to deep water (or 300 feet) and for 20 years renewable.- What are the Government terms as to this?-

We are Dear Sir
Yours Very faithfully.-
Messrs. McDougall, Gordon & Shepley.-

Licence for year 1842.-

Myldear Sir.-

I send you licence by
Mail today, also a licence for James Hynes.
I have made his licence at the small sum of
£2.- he can pay me during the summer.- I
also send Mr Gabriel and John Underwood
their licences by Mail to day.- I hope you
will have a good seasons fishing.- You
can pay me for your licence at your
own convenience.- and believe me.

Yours Sincerely.-
H. Wilson.-
Fishery overseer
Hamilton Ont.
12 June 1842.

Henry Sheppard Esq.
Fisher.-
Queenston.-

Myldear Brother Henry.-

I saw Mr. J. S.-
Clark, and J. B. Robert, to go. next day
after I saw you at Queenston and having
talked matters over, we passed between you
and I.- J. B. Robert is greatly vexed to
you.- As regards Billy S.- y.- they
told me, better not do what you proposed
as regards his voting.- However do the best
you can with him in the matter.- I will
be down myself on Monday week,- if not
sooner.- I want to see you before polling
day.- and with kind regards.- to Mrs
Sheppard and Boys.- Believe me to
ever and always.- Yours patronally.-
P.S. I send you with
Boy for Niagara and you
Neglect for Sheppard.-

H. Wilson.-
Hamilton Ont.
12 June 1842.

Henry Sheppard Esq.
Fisher.-
Queenston.-
Ont.

Licence for year 1852.

My dear Mr Fisher.

I send you licence by bearer today, and you will find No: 4 with No 1 enclosed therein; No: 1 altho' not specified in the licence runs down the St Lawrence until it meets Mr Henry Stoppards fishing at Lacenaire wharf. — I can get licence from you you during the summer. — I dont find your son Jos's name on the voters list. — Except that by mistake it is in No 456 — J. Fabrie Joseph, 53. 5. Tenant. 22. — another polling division you when he resides. —

Will you be pleased to go up to Mr Dennis and see Mr Charles Fisher the Mr Clerk and have the correction made at once. I hope fishing is good with you. and with kind regards. —

Yours Sincerely —

Alex Fisher —

Fishery Overseer

Hamilton 2 June 52

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Lacenaire.

Canada

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Hamilton Cnty.

12 June 1852 —

Mr John Wentworth. —

Fisherman —

Lacenaire Cnty —

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My dear Sir.—

Will you be pleased to order a Crossing over your Railroad on Burlington Beach; and thus enable Mrs Anne Sherbenale to have free access over the Railway, to and from her Fishery in Lake Ontario; licensed to her by the Fisheries department, Ottawa, as Fishing Station No: 10.— At present Mrs Sherbenale, has no free access there. and has been obliged to climb over your Railroad fence as I heard.—

You will greatly oblige me, by having the Foreman and Section men put this crossing, where ever this respectable old lady may require it most in front of her fishing Station. Dealt with due respect.— I am, Your Obt Servant,

Maitland Young Esq
Secretary:- N. R. Co
St. and N. Western Ry.—
Hamilton, Ont.

J. W. Kerr—
Fishery Overseer.
Hamilton, Ont.
12. June 1882.—

Hold.

Copy.—

Hamilton, Ont.

19. May 1882.—

Dear Sir.—

Now is it that you are being called to the Police Court — Whitby — Lake Ontario, on the 12th of this Month, May. Whereas your licenses expired on the 30th of April last: You will be each of you fined for transgression the law and the facts are proven against you as reported to the Fisheries department Ottawa; your licenses will not be renewed another season. — I done all in my power to obtain your licenses for you; against overlooking, — in trouble up against you and by report you have deceived me; altho' I would have known you would not offend as reported you have done. —

Yours &c &c,—

J. D. Ede

Fishery Overseer.

To

Messrs. John Counsell &

and

George White. —

Whitby, — Ont. —

Hamilton, Ontario
12. June 1882.

My dear Sir

Your Canada Post Card, received. Except under license no person can fish Brooks or Angle Lines, for Lake Ste. can or Packard. — Nor persons can fish, except angling or trolling — within your licensed limits, without your permission; and the persons so fishing must be a licensed fisherman: Read section 13. of the Fisheries Act, at page 8 — Lofty sent you, please give me the Names of the persons offending. — I charge 50 ¢ per 100 Birds to those persons fish for the own family use, but to sell sometimes as high as $5.- for a Boat license to fish 500 Hooks. — Refer to the Note, printed on the Margin of your own licenses. —

Yours Truly —

H. Walker Esq[re]
Nelson Miller —
Oneto —

H. Stark —
Richard Allan —

My dear friends —

Do you have paid $5 because Jees for this year already — $10 on Lewis hauling ground No: 15, — and $5 for Boat license for the fish Hooks on Lake for Sturgeon; and taking into account the new ground No: 17, — did not get many fish this season; I shall endeavour to arrange with the Inspector pursuant that Section No: 17, — Issue a New licenses to you for this season: — But you to allowance two Boat licenses for the additional $5 you have paid for Lewis fishing on Station No: 15, — Hoping this will be satisfactory —

Yours Truly —

H. Walker —
Nelson —
H. Stark —
Hamilton, Ont. —
12. June 1882.

Messrs
Richard and
Robert John Allan. —
Fishermen —
Meaford. —

"E"

My dear Sir,—

As you have fixed upon the 30th June for the Regatta, I shall endeavour to arrange with the Railway Department to run the 7 o'clock Evening Train from Hamilton to Burlington Beach on that day for the accommodation of Visitors. I shall be glad to receive your Boat Entry (at once) for the Jack Tyler Match on the Course.—

With my kind regards—

Believe me Yours truly—

J. Wilson—

Secretary—

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Toronto—

Niagara—

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Hamilton Regatta

12 June 1882—

Mr. James Lamb—

Toronto—

Niagara—

Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton, 14. June 1893.—

Sir.

I am the honor to send you Bank draft,
No: , for the sum of Seventy two dollars, and
fifty cents.———

Will you be pleased to apply this amount, as
licenses for fishing in Lake Erie, during this current
season, as follows:—

1. Frank Jackson.— Port Dover.— For pound Net
licenses to fish four pounds in Lake Erie, already re-
ceived, dated ——— of 1st. $ 70.00

2. William Brooks, Turkey point.— For Boat
licenses to fish 200. Hooks and Lines, for Sturgeon
and Lorgish, in the Inner and Outer Bays of
Lake Erie, at Turkey point Township of
Charlottesville. $ 1.00

3. John Countryman, Walsingham; For a Boat
License to fish 100. Hooks and Lines in Lake Erie, in
part of the 1st. 15 miles of Lot No: 6. B.T. Concession
Walsingham. $ 50

4. Samuel Stephens, Walsingham; For a li-
cense to fish a set net in the Royal Bay
Canal, Lake Erie, in the Township
of Walsingham. $ 1.00

Total: $ 72.50

Will you be pleased to send the production clerks
[illegible]

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

[illegible]

Fishery Overseer.

The Hon: the Minister of Fisheries,
Ottawa.

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Stockholm, Sweden
14. June 1882.

My dear Mamma

I have got the
Kindness for several delays I must pay
you for them letters.

1. Lt. Nelson resigned.
2. Lt. Hewitt, do.
3. Wm Pickard do.
4. Denis Leonard. do.
5. Frank Lafferty, do.
6. George Simpson. do.
7. Wm Smith. do.
8. William Ellis, do.
9. Joseph Bramfitt, Navy Clerk.
10. Edward Burt, do

There are three more Lads,
they will be sent you in a few
days. Yours truly
Wm Keen.

Owen Bowers Esq
Bailey Square
Jr. (

Kindness

My dear Mamma,

Yours of the 17th
without Answer made you anxious
please for this you. It is impossible for me
to write often as days at Upsala, about which
you ask me, I was at Christmas getting
[illegible] you as you know then to
come to Stockholm for a holiday along
with three young Lads. I am
now N.C. Inspector on patrolling at
the Coast they superintend themselves
as we only Inspect once a year. I
[illegible] Stockholm. I have your cards.

I am sick your Jenny there 17.00 Sa.
people around great Excitement. Hope
and rule quite restored to the Country.
Love with fondest regards.

Yours Affectionately.
Wm Keen Jr.

Owen Bowers Esq
Jr. J. Port Royal
Pa
U.S.A.

Stockholm, Sweden

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St Williams —
20. June 1862. —

Fishery Department

I have just rec'd from Bowers the [illegible] of two letters from Lieuts Tupper & Gurd with explicit lines and I have requested him answer.
I would like to know the reason why he dont give me the same. —
Please answer me soon as convenient
I am,
Yours truly,
Signed — J. Le Vallee —

Immediate. —

Quebec C.E.
Sir. 17 June 1862 —

You will please explain why the fractions have no flies as the above is a copy of a letter I have just received from Mr Vallees department Ottawa with instructions for me to make enquiry from you and report with the result. — —
I am Sir —
Your Obedient Servant
H.W. Stewart —
Fishery Overseer

Capt Bowers Sup[erintendent]
Fishery [illegible]
Port

Mr. —
I find no record of this Name amongst my papers, — Have you overlooked his Name. —
H.W.S. —

Private.

Hamilton, Cuba
17. June 1882.

My dear Sir, —

Yours of the 15th instant, just received, I will ascertain for you, when the rush for Scrip Nets can be purchased, and then you can tell your friend — What has become of that young Wallace who was fooling — Sir!

Is William Smith, the person? — if not he must pay up at once; no more tick shall be given! — I am glad to hear from you that Mr Wallaces prospects are so bright — I hope he may get in — I hope also, that you will go as soon as Election is over, to Forrestville and get a Nor — from each of those respectable men living there, who stands Mr Jas: W. McCalla £1 each, for a Spearing Licence last spring, get the dates stated, and send to me. — I was flung out of my buggy on last Thursday afternoon into a muddy drain and swept a few bad scratches all wet and dirty cloths and face I came off better than I expected. —

A. Bowers Esqre Yours &c J.W. Kerr — J.P. —

My dear Sir,

I send you the three following licenses, which you will please deliver to those persons for whom they are intended: — Viz.

1. — William Smoak Yankey Ground
2. — John Country man Walengham. —
3. — Seaman Stephens. — do.

and believe me.

Yours &c

John Kerr

Fishery Overseer,
Hamilton, Cuba.
22. June 1882.

Owen Bowers Esqre
Trading Guardian,
Port Royal. —
Cuba.

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Immediate.

[illegible], Ont.,
21 June 1892.

Gentlemen.—

On the 6th June instant I wrote you in reference to your Bond in the sum of [illegible] which you have not yet paid in to the fisheries department for this current year.

On Tuesday, the 13th instant I was at Port Dover, I understand you have not yet put out fishing, you were fishing on a dark pound; and I saw a fourth pound being prepared for fishing.—

According to an agreement made last season, with Mr. Dexter himself, as soon as the Bond was delivered the amount of $40.- per pound was to be paid.— You will now have three pounds fishing in Lake Erie, at $40. per pound, with aggregate $120 dollars.— And unless this amount is at once paid, your fishing being illegal. I must enforce the law. The law says: "Fishing by means of nets unless under leases or licenses from the department of Marine and Fisheries, is prohibited in all the waters of Ontario."—

I was informed by a licensed pound net fisherman recently, that you did not intend fishing, until a reduction was made in the annual license fee of $10. per pound.

Since the 13th instant, I have been in consultation with the Fisheries department Ottawa on the subject of a reduction in the annual license fee: and I may now inform you that the [illegible] reduction [illegible] on the pound fee [illegible] fee $40.— For it is unreasonable for you to continue fishing, and enjoying a privilege; which other Bond fishermen have had to pay for, before they commenced fishing.

[illegible]

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Memorandum.

Mobile, Ala.
21 June 1862.

Gentlemen.-

In the 6th June instant, I wrote you in reference to your Steamer Pilot Boy, which you then had at work in the Yazoo River department by direction of Capt Pendleton.

In answer; the 13th instant, I was informed by Capt Pendleton that the Pilot Boy was not working, you were directed to do so, but I am a Quartermaster Department boat, and cannot be employed by the Navy.

I was informed by a Steamer from that river recently, that you did not return for the Pilot Boy, until a Requisition was made on the Quartermaster Department for Steamers.

Since the 13th instant, I have been in Mobile, on the duties of my office, & have not had the Pilot Boy; Writing by means of mail routes under Navy or Steamer from the department of Alabama and Florida, is practically in the matter of Returns."

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Immediate!

Gentlemen.

On the 5th inst. instant, I wrote you in reference to your Bound Net license money, which you have not yet paid to the fisheries department, for this current year.

I understand you are now fishing in pounds. Will you be pleased to send me your cheque at the rate for each pound. The law distinctly says "Fishing by means of Nets, Weirs or Traps" under heavy penalties. [illegible]

I was recently informed by an Overseer that gentlemen, that you did not return [illegible] a return was made on the Bound license for 7 pounds.

I have been in consultation with the fisheries department, Ottawa on the subject, and I beg to inform you that

(over)

formed, for this current year.

And unless you do on behalf the law must take its course.

I am Gentlemen
Your Obt. Servt.
[illegible]
Fishery Overseer

To
Messrs. [illegible]
and
David Moore,
Bound Net Proprietors
Port Dover.

Immediate.

Gentlemen.—

In the 2nd para. instant, I
wrote you in reference to your Town Hall
Square property, which you have not yet
— to the Fisheries department for this pur-
pose. —

I mentioned you on your Fishing
Club premises. Since we planned to
have an Office. Being on the lot to
be used yours. We can similarly
Any Fishing by means of the Fish
Either Lease or Licenses as Individuals
Fit with all conditions of course.

I was recently informed by — from
the Fisheries, that you did not notice
[illegible] a Fishing Lease under
the same terms for 1920 for yours.

I have been in Brantford until the
Fisheries department. Ottawa, on the 2nd
inst., and I am now writing you, that

Memorandum for the D. C. General
Fisheries department
Ottawa. —

I send you enclosed herewith, duplicate of licence granted to August Schumacher of Lake point; at present living at Port Maitland. —

I recommend that you will be pleased to insert in this licence; also the privilege of fishing One Herring Seine, 300 yards long, with usual limits described therein, — and please return to me: I [illegible] on Saturday evening; as I have just been informed that people there, are breaking the Law.

Our written Evidence, was [illegible] majority: — I heard the Pound [illegible] at Hamilton and Port Dover [illegible] got the licence re[illegible] vote for him, nor s[illegible]

On yesterday [illegible] many more [illegible] I wrote them — Hamilton and St. —

there will be no reduction made at present in the Seasonal licence fee of $400. —

There may be a reduction made in the Number of pounds fishing, to as the present licensing fishing. — It is unreasonable for you to announce and sanction fishing and then enjoying a privilege; which other pounds with fulfilment have had to pay for before they commence fishing; and also it is, your place me in a bad position with those people. — they duty compels — to tell you you must pay — the [illegible] your Seasonal licence fee, for fishing their pounds in Lake Erie, during [illegible] year. —

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

and Stewart and Moor, P. Nat. fishermen who are fishing 3 pounds each in Lake Erie, for to send me $ 120, each, for the department, as license fees. for this current year; or I must enforce the law against them.

Semi fishing in Lake Ontario is very poor this season; at Niagara it was very slim indeed; good weather will improve fishing. It is a splendid growing season, and fall Wheat and spring Crops are looking splendid, — are in great abundance. — Mr. Lumb, got elected but Mr. J. C. Rykert, got Elected for Lincoln and Niagara I went to Niagara, and voted for Rykert. I am glad and feel happy now; that the excitement is all over. —

I hope Mrs. & Mr. Whitcher and family are all in good health; I have not heard from him for a long time; please present my kind, warm and respectful regards, — to them and may with Gods blessing I hope; the Sun will go down on my 70th year. — I feel so thankful that God has been pleased to allow me, to

live out, the allotted life of man. —

I had a tumble from my buggy this day week, into a muddy spring and a few scratches a cut finger. clothes all covered over with mud and water, wet to the skin; I was not hurt; as flat as a flounder; except that I feel a little — I am nothing the worse. I got out, almost wet as I got in. . —

I thank you very Kindly for my 125. salary. — I gave $ 100. of it for the election, — hung me into the drain; I bought her recently, I will never trust her again, she is treacherous: besides I have three other better steady horses. —

I think you may safely grant license to build that at Toronto Island; it will be a good thing for Scanlan, and has stood there. —

I am waiting to hear from Bowers, about at $ 1. paid him by a Scheme, to write — about some things officially.

Will you be pleased to have sent — 25 Blank spawning licenses. —

[illegible] Albert Parkman
write me stating 3 months each in date this. If
I have me $150, each, for the department, as I
come pay, for the current year; or I must re-
pose the loan augment them.

Have pairing in date Estes; as very few
this season; at Prosper it was very thin
winter; good weather only [illegible]
It is a splendid opening season, our fall
Albert was up & Lapa are having splendid, as
are in great [illegible]. All [illegible]
but all J. A. Pratt, Pat Easton for Grant,
our Prosper, I went to Prosper, our date
for Pratt. I am glad our good happy
news; that the excitement is all over.

I hope this all Thatcher can family are all
in good health; I have not been over here for
a long time; please present my Aunt, warm
and respectful regards, — to Warren Hoyt
until Joe blessing I hope; the Lum will go
down on my 20 [illegible] year. — I feel as though
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that Joe has been pleased to allow me, to

live out the allotted life of man.

I have a tumble farm and happy this day
week with a pleasant spring and a few months
a hot finger, clothes all covered over with clay
and water, wet to the skin; I was hot glad; so
glad as a pleasure; except that I got a little
sore. I am nothing the worse; I got out, about
as I got in. —

I think you and Family for my 125
salary. — I gave it 100. of it for the place,
I am [illegible] me into the chest; I bought for
her recently; I will some nice fabric for
again; silk a flannelette; thanks I have
[illegible] [illegible] dress.

I think you and Family part being to take
[illegible] at Thanksgiving; it will be a pleas-
ing for Thanksgiving for Mrs. Estes.
I am writing to her pay Warren about
it if I can this by a letter, it will
save about some things officially.
Hope you be pleased to have sent
me 25. Albert spending business. —

I was on B. Beach last night, and the appearance of White fish is such; that I know I can't what fishermen are going to make some money out of this year. —

With my humble regards, and best wishes, — Believe me, Your Obedient Servant,

John W. Kerr. —

Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton, Ont.
22. June 1882.

P.S. I paid 3 dollars last year, 1933 dollars this year for License fees for Lucas year.

J. W. K. —

Dear Sir, —

I send you this my three yearly license, as usual, which you will please retain to send it can for whom intended. — Obj. &c.

1. John Hamilton, Wellington. —
2. Edward Hicks, do. —
3. John Abbott, do. —

Yours, —
Fishery Overseer,
Dist. Co. Ont.
22. June 1882.

Dear Bowers Esq.
J. Lynchin.
Belle Rapids.
Ont. —

Hamilton, Ont.
26. June 1882.

My dear Sir. —

Will you be pleased to find your corrected license sent you by Mail this day. — I got home here this morning safe and sound. — And hoping you and Mr Henry Ross, will always fish in concert, and with my kind regards to self and Mrs Schomacher, I am as usual. —

I saw Mr Ross, and he requested of me to stop your friend Mr Wm Martin, of Port Maitland, from fishing with Set Hooks and lines, within his licensed limits in the waters of the Grand River, and catching Cat fish, and selling the same. — I have written to Mr W. A McCrea. — Yours truly,

Mr August Schomacher. — D. W. Kerr. —
Fisherman, — } D. Overseer.
Port Maitland,
Ont.

D. W. Kerr Esq.
Overseer of Fisheries
Ontario.

Fisheries Overseers Office. —
Hamilton, 23 June 1882. —

I have the honor to transmit to the Board your Receipt dated 19th inst. for Fifteen dollars, cash paid by Mr August Schomacher, Fisherman, Port Maitland, for the license applied for by your letter of the 8th inst.

Note you be pleased to find the corrected license, for the reasons explained in your letter of the 8th inst.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant.

To D. W. Kerr Esq.
Overseer of Fisheries
Ontario.

[illegible] Sir,

Yours of 18th instant was duly received; – Under an Order in Council dated 23. August 1870, – Filing by me of The [illegible] reports, with a view to Timber [illegible] the expenditure of Money [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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Hamilton, Canada
21. July 1892.

My dear Li...

On the 12th of this month
the I was talking with you at Port Dover,
you promised me that before the 20th of
this month you would [illegible] me
[illegible] of 1/10. for fishing from
[illegible] in Lake Erie; in [illegible]
[illegible]. This is the 21st July!
Now Sir, I beg to remind you of
your promise to pay! Now this
would not [illegible] have already
given up in disgust me Mr.
Gillett, except you and Jas: Turner
and Co. owe me, the last
night I spent this year [illegible]
[illegible] 1/10. for the privilege [illegible]
Hamilton. I hope you will not [illegible]
[illegible] any longer in paying [illegible]

I am. Yours truly.
J.W. Kerr.
Fishery Overseer

Mr. David Glover,
Collector Fisheries,
Port Dover

Hamilton, Canada
14. June 1892.

[illegible]

"Fishery Overseers office,—
Hamilton, 28. June 1882.—

Sir.—

I have the Honor to receive from you
Copy of J. L. Holmes's letter dated St. Williams, 2d
June, instant;—"Re advice re: money claimed to have
"been paid Owen Bowers for fishery licences".—

Copy referred to me for report, on 13. June 1882,
And in reply, I beg most respectfully to report for
your information, the following facts in this case:—

In the first place, I sent Copy of the complaint,
to Owen Bowers, on the 17th instant, and I called on
him, for his explanation thereto:— See, No: 1. attached
for your information.

To this, Owen Bowers, has explained, per
letter dated 26. June 1882,— please refer to No. 2,
herewith.

By referring to my application of the 13th of
October 1881,— for licences, Bank draft No: 697. you
will find this $10. now referred to, is included in
the $8.50 I sent the department on that occasion, read
No: 4. of that application.——

In conclusion, I attach a copy of the letter,
I had written Owen Bowers, when I sent him the
licence for Asa Holmes, for delivery, which on
the face I hope will meet your approval, and
be satisfactory. Copy of this letter is No: 3.—
And with much respect.

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant,
John D. Kerr.—
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esq 2d
Com: of Fisheries.
Ottawa.——

P.S. I have written Bowers to deliver licences personally in
future, and thereby save so much writing.— Initials:
D.K.

No: 1.

Copy

Sir Williams,—

Fishery Department 2. June 1882.—

I have paid Mr Owen Bowers, the sum of One dollar for license to fish with eight lines, and have received no answer.—

I would like to know the reason why he dont give me the same.—

Please answer as soon as convenient.—

I am,

Yours truly.—

Signed. J. L. Holmes.—

Copy.—

Immediate!. Hamilton,

Sir, 17. June 1882.—

You will please explain all the particulars in this case; as the above is a copy of a letter I have just received from the Fisheries department Ottawa with instructions to me to make enquiry from you and report instanter the result.—

I am Sir,—

Your Obedient Servant,

J. L. Wilkes.—

Fishery Overseer.—

Owen Bowers Esqre

Fishery Guardian.

Port Royal.—

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Sir:— I find no record of this Name amongst my papers, Have you overlooked his Name?— J. L. Wilkes— F. O.—

No: 2.

Copy.-

J. W. Kerr Esqre M.P.P.
Overseer of Fisheries
Hamilton Ont^o^

Port Royal.-
June 26. 1882.-

My dear Sir,- Your letter bearing date, the 17th June, received and contents noted, enclosing a copy of a letter dated at St^t^ Williams, June 2nd inst and signed by J. L. Helmer, wherein he complains that having paid me the sum of One dollar, for Net, Night lines with 200 Hooks, and never received his license.- This money understand was for the year 1881.- I beg to state that I have no such name on my book, neither did I know any man of that name until, since the Elections were over, and when this complaint came, I took the pains to ferret it out, and I find out from Lewis Davis, and Chief Jackson that One Helmer alias J. L. Helmer alias William Helmer son, is the very identical individual that makes the complaint.-

Shortly after my complaint appointment as Guardian of Fish in place of Jas. W. Wells Esqre who had the Kindness to hand me the Names of several persons, who had violated the Fisheries act, I notified One Helmer alias J. L. Helmer who paid me the sum of One dollar, for Hook fishing in the Inner Map, and the Outer Map, and at the same time he owed for spearing during the seasons 1880, and 1881. and for which I had his fine by Colonel Mahaa, in May last.- At the trial he mentioned that I had kept his dollar for Hook license, I told him I would look into the matter at once, but the Elections absorbed all my spare time, and hence the delay.- Now I find that a letter bearing date, 19th of October 1881.- addressed to me, and signed John W. Kerr, "Fishery Overseer. Hamilton, wherein

1.

In mention of having sent to Geo. Helmer, and Asa Helmers licenses of N. point, for fishing Boats and nets, which licenses I delivered to the Post Master at Normandale, with a number of others, and I never heard a word about any of them, until I had Asa Helmer, jun.r. No other Helmer, has ever mentioned to me that there was any thing wrong, but Asa Helmer, alias J. L. Helmer. Our friends at N. point, informed me, that his right name is James Lewis Helmer, I hope and trust this will be satisfactory to the department, that I have not got his money. —

And the only Names that I have of the Helmer family, in my Book, for 1881. — are

1. George Helmer,	100. Hooks.	50.
2. John Helmer, —	200. — " —	1.00.
3. Asa Helmer,	200. — " —	1.00.

3 Nets, Yc. Yc.

Signed

Asa Barnes, —

P. Master. —

No: 5.-

Copy.

Hamilton. Ont.

My dear Sir -

I duly receive your letter & many and I cant be forever writing for Blank Spring licenses, and Blank summons, &c. &c. &c. for you owe 8 dollars to your Lodge - I send you Six Licenses, and One Hundred Licenses of Lodge paper, for Lodge Work - Six Licenses you must retain there with you besides for — all the others. —

Yours. &c. —

Jno Ham —
Dicky Surveyor.

To Thomas Esq
Dicky Secretary.
G.R.M. Lodge. —

19. October 1881.

[illegible] Lodge
Hamilton Ont
Jan
Dicky Secretary
G.R.M. Lodge.

Hamilton Ont
21st July 1882.

Fishery Overseer's office.—
Hamilton, 26. June 1862.—

Sir

I have the honor to return you here-
with a license granted by the superintendent to Wm.
Wilson Hill, of Blackfriars on 1st September 1861,
which he declines to receive at the time.— Hav-
ing been Commanded to pay him back his money
& a receipt for it, and I now return the Li-
cense to the superintendent.— After many attempts
on the part of Hill to pay my orders, he has
only succeeded in doing this on 22d instant, as
per receipt, Copy attached.—

You will now please cancel this license, and
I recommend that you will be pleased to issue
the following licenses in lieu thereof which I re-
commend for your consideration and approval.
1. Henry Cockburn, Wellington; For a license to
fish a dip net in Prince Royal Bay Canal, Ha-
mer Bay, Lake Erie, in the township of Wellington
Ground. $1.00
2. Henry Cockburn, Wellington; For a Rent Li-
cense to fish 200 Gangen Nets or Hooks on Lines in Lake
Erie; in front of the 1st and 2nd Fifteen Rods of
Lot No: 8, Broken Front, township Wellington $1.00

Please insert the protection clauses.—
And with due respect.—

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir—
Your Obedient Servant
John W. Hess—
Fishery Overseer,

W. F. Whitcher Esq[re]
Com: of Fisheries.
Ottawa.

Copy.—

Huntsville.

June 23. 1852.—

Receive from Chas. Bowen, Esq. the sum of Two dollars, in satisfaction of a License retained by him, the same License was for Merchandize, Spirituous Liquors in part of the 4th Dist. Ala. Which Chas. Bowen, for the year 1852 —

Lyon.

Wm. Wells.—

Fishery Overseer's office.—
Hamilton 28. June 1882.—

Sir,

I have the Honor to recommend that Mr. James W. McCall. F. Guardian, Mr. Williams be paid the sum of Ten dollars, up to 30. June, in full of all demands.— I shall not require his services any more in any capacity.—

On the 10th day of April 1882. I sent you in Bank draft, No: 575. the sum of $5; included in that Ten dollares;— and according to the application I then received from Mr. McCall, I applied for licenses, for Wilson Wells please refer to No: 2, and 3,— and for Philip Wells;— please refer to No: 4. of the said application.

By the enclosed certificate from Wilson Wells it appears now, if I am to believe him; that it was for a Seine license, to fish in deep hole; he made the application.— I cannot recommend the money to be given back to Wells in this case.—

I sent spearing licenses to Mr. McCall, for Wells, on the 11th of April last, and I understood they were then; and had been spearing.— And on the 15th of April, I sent as advised; Wilson Wells, licence for Hook, Va., addressed to him at Fredericksburg P. Office.

I also send you certificate from Wallace Heath, a Miller of Fredericksburg; it will show you, the way Mr. Jas: W. McCall has been bringing the Fisheries into disrepute, and which I condemn in toto; and with due respect.—

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant.
[illegible]
Overseer.

W. F. Whitaker Esqre
Com^r of Fisheries.
Ottawa.—

Fishery Overseer's office.
Hamilton, 28. June 1882.—

Sir

I have the honor to send you a license granted by the department to August Lehmacher, of Turkey point, and paid for in full on the 1st inst of March last. — —

Subsequent to this, on or about the 14th inst of April last Lehmacher, having made up his mind to move away, and just in Lake Erie, at Port Maitland, without consulting me, on the subject, — transferred this license, K. to Charles Davis, of Turkey point, Charles Davis, sold his right and a lease to R. L. Heath; and R. L. Heath, sold lease and title to fishing ground No: 4, Inner Bay, Turkey point, Lake Erie, including shanty, stove and boat to Reuben Runnion of Wellington, for the sum of Thirty five dollars. — This is the way these people carry on! I never knew about it, until I received a letter from Runnion, dated 26. June, instant. —

I recommend this case, for your consideration, so far as I am personally interested: I believe no change of ground should be permitted, at Turkey point, without the permission of the Fisheries department, just had one of that kind. — Should you coincide in my view of the case, I recommend that you will cancel this license; or dispose of it in any other way, you may deem fit and proper. —

Awaiting your instructions.

I have the honor to be,
Sir. —
Your obedient servt.
D. Lloyd Wilkie.
Fy. Overseer.

W. H. Whitcher Esq Jr
Com: of Fisheries.
Ottawa.

Fishery Overseers office.—
Hamilton, 28. June 1882.—

Sir.—

I have the honor to report for your information, that on Sunday last, I drove along the Lake, Sir! from Sugar loaf, to Pt. Maitland;— having been told a great many people were in the habit of going out in the Lake, on Sundays, and trolling for Bass;— The day being stormy, I only saw one young man out, I took down his name, and intend to fine, if I ever catch him again fishing on Sunday, I would fine him heavily.—

When I arrived at Pt. Maitland; I heard from Henry Ross, licensed fisherman, that Mr. William Martin, Tavern keeper there was fishing hooks and lines in the Grand River, within his licensed limits; catching and selling Cat fish, without a license.— I wrote W. A. McRae F. Overseer Dunnville, on the subject, Copy herewith. And with due respect,

I have the honor to be,
Sir.—
Your obedient Servant,
John W. Kerr,—
F. Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esq.
Com: of Fisheries
Ottawa.

Copy. —

Hamilton, Ont.o
26. June 1882. —

My dear Sir. —

I was at Port Maitland, on yesterday, Sunday, when Henry Ross, a licensed fisherman there; complained to me, that Mr. William Martin, Tavern Keeper, was fishing for, catching and selling Cat fish, caught within his licensed limits in the Grand River, with Hooks, and night lines, without his permission, and without a license; please read section 18. of the Fisheries act; — at page 8, — I may say: "Except under leases or licenses from the "department of Marine and Fisheries, fishing "by means of Nets, and other apparatus, is pro= "hibited in all the waters of Ontario?? —

Will you be pleased to give this case your immediate attention, and oblige,

Yours fraternally. —
D.W. Karn, —
Fishery Overseer.

W. A. McCrae, Esq.re
Fishery Overseer.
Dunnville, —
Ont.o

Hamilton, Ont.
22. June 1882.

My dear Bowers,—

Yours of 26th is duly received! As regards Mr Cale. I have sent all the papers in which he was concerned to the Fisheries department, Ottawa.— And as regards Mr Wilson Wells, and his $2. license. I have returned it to the Fisheries department also.— And as regards the $5,— paid by Wells to Mr Bell, which I duly received and sent department, I have laid it also before department but will not recommend any change being made.— A fishery Overseer may be deceived once, by such a clever man, as Wilson Wells— if he is deceived a second time, it is his own fault.— Now as regards Glenburn Prosecution; he must pay $5. for Lewie fishing as you term it for bait and unless he pays at once, he must be fined for fishing without a license, his getting Schomacker's license, does not entitle him to fish in Lake Erie, in front of the Township of Walsingham, nor on No: 4, Inner Bay, without the sanction of the Minister first had, and obtained.—

See Colonel Walker, J. P., about those fines, get amount, and send me at once for department.—

I have sent department Copies of every thing about J. L. Stalmers $1. But where those people are so very particular, in future you will please hand them their license instead of placing it in Post Office and believe me,

Yours &c.,

D. W. Karn, —
J. Overseer.

Owen Bowers Esq.
J. Guardian.
Bt Royal.

Hamilton, Ont.
25. June 1883.

My dear Mamma, —

Yours of 23rd is
duly received! No regrets about
home but all the papers in which
he was concerned to the Dominion Go-
vernment, Ottawa. — Must we regard this
letter Wells, sent his 2 Reiners, I
have returned it to the Dominion depart-
ment also. — Must we regard the 2 Reiners
yours for Wells, & Wells, retain 2
duly received our last despatch
I have but it also before despatches
but will not recommend anything
being made. — It pains Emma and
he deserves one, by dint & clever
men, as William Wells — if he is de-
cided to become this, it is his own
fault. — When we regard Hamilton
Democrat; he must pay 1st 2 for
their printing as you take it for last

Must number be large at once, I am
to print for printing until & Reiners
his getting Reiners Reiners, does not
entitle him to pay in Wells Bank, as
part of the Township of Wellington
or as the Township of Wellington
the Dominion of the Minister print to
our attorney. —

Mr Robert Wells, J. P. what
does Pino, get amount, our Reiners
me at once for despatches. —

I have last despatches copies of
any thing about J. C. Reiners if
but who does people are in any
particular, in future you write
please Reiners Reiners their Reiners
written of printing it in Court if
Your Reiners —

Yours Reiners Reiners
J. Reiners
Of Reiners.

Fishery Overseer's Office.—
Hamilton, 29. June 1882.—

Sir,

With reference to my report to you of the 28th instant respecting William Martin a Tavern Keeper at Port Maitland the mouth of the Grand River, fishing Stocks and Night lines within the limits of the Harbour of Ross a fisherman who has been fishing in the Grand River, during the past 17 years under licence from the department.—

I have the honor to state for your information, that when Mr. Ross, remonstrated with Martin and his son for setting Night lines within his licensed limits, and was desired to take them up; he was told plainly, they had Mr. McBride's leave to fish there; I advised Ross, to go and take up the Stocks, and lines, and prosecute the Martins, but Ross, who is a timid man, declined to do this, in consequence of which I wrote Mr. McBride, on the subject, and since advised you I had done so.—

It appears now Mr. McBride, visited Port Maitland, on the 26th instant, after he received my Kind letter of advice; and he told the fishermen there, "there is no licence for Night lines."—

I am now reading over the extract "at page 247." of the Lake Superior division, of your Annual Reports, that "Sixty six angling permits were issued during the season, yielding a revenue of $208.20"— I recommend that a similar regulation be established for the Grand River, at Dunnville, frequented by American Citizens, and where fish caught by angling I find by last years returns amounts to $1,000, at page 235, of

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Com: of Fisheries,
Ottawa.

your Annual Report. - - - I may here state for your information, that the Old resident farmers along Grand River, are very much dissatisfied at American Anglers having the privilege every season of coming over the Lake on to Dunnville, and there fishing for our Herring, Maskinongee, Mascalonge, Pike, Pickerel, Sturgeon, Coarse fish, to the [illegible] of 164 Barrels, 12 Barrels only of which, was used for local consumption. - Now Mr. W. A. McCrae, knows all this, for he made the report of it to the department. - - - The following Copies of Letters, will I hope be all sufficient for your peremptory Orders to Mr. W. A. McCrae, Fishery Overseer. - - - And with due respect.

I Have the Honor to be,

Sir. -

Your Obedient Servant

John D. Kerr. -

Fishery Overseer.

Copy. - Port Maitland.

20. June 1882 -

Mr. Kerr. -

Sir, I herewith send you my license, and wish you to send me my pleasure, as parties are fishing and selling without any licence, and hunting my Market. - I wish you to see about this at once.

Yours truly, W. A. Schumacher,

Copy. Overseer. -

Mr. Kerr. - Port Maitland, 26. June 1882.

Sir. - Mr. McCrae, has been here to-day, and says there is no excuse for Night lines. - If Kerr you know better, he is going to write to the Department, for we know what he is.

Yours very truly.

W. A. Schumacher. -

Licence Fishery.

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Down Mat fishermen shortly; they are
fishing 3 pounds — and while I have written
them twice for Lévesque plaine. — No reply !!!.
Priestley and Allen.

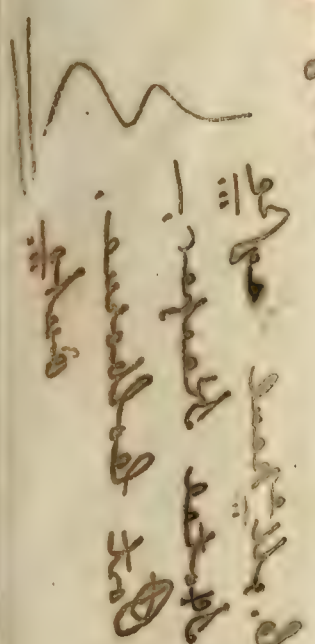
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P.S. Dont delay in sending me the list.
add to it the names of Edward Stocks
Esq[r] and Mr Lees as a
Merchant, Manilla for fishing at
Long point on Lake Erie at Carying
Creek, a tributary of the Grand
River called Fish River in contradistinction
of the Indian name which is
rendered Big River.

1832.



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Fishery Overseers Office.—
Sir. Hamilton, 15. July 1882.—

I have the Honor to send you herewith a Bank draft, No: 264, for Six dollars and fifty cents. Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows: For this present year:—

1. Thomas Mansfield, Dundas Bay, Lessee of a Set Net Fishing License to fish there in Lake Ontario, already received: $5.00 ¢

2. William Stratton, Forestville, For a Rent License to fish 100 Hooks, on night lines, in Lake Erie in the Inner ~~Bay~~ Outer Bays.— Township of Bloomfield.— Please send the License. $0.50 ¢

3. Jacob Abbott, Walsingham, For a Rent License to fish 100 Hooks, on night lines in Lake Erie, in front of the first fifteen lots of Lot No: 7. Broken Front, Concession, Township of Walsingham.— Please send License.— $0.50 ¢

4. Joel McDonald, Jackmans Bay, in the Township of Houghton; For a Rent License to fish 100. Hooks on night lines, in Lake Erie, in front of Lot No: 12. Broken Front, Concession, in the Township of Houghton.— Please send License $0.50 ¢

I recommend Licenses for Nos: 2, 3, and 4, applicants to be granted at once.—

And with due respect.—

I have the Honor to be,

Sir,—

Your Obedient Servant

Thos. Stone.—

Fishery Overseer.

W. H. White Esqre
Com: of Fisheries,
Ottawa.—

[illegible] Co.
15. July 1870.—

My dear Sir.—

Your application
in behalf of Mr. [illegible] for
a vacant [illegible] in
the Custom House at [illegible] as
Deputy Surveyor [illegible]
just received.—

As the [illegible] of all of the
Surveyors [illegible] the Collector
of the Port, [illegible]
duties. [illegible]
I will [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
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No: 10.

Private!

Copy. —

Hamilton Ont.

7. June 1892. —

My dear Sir. —

I received from the Finlay department, a letter — with 5$ enclosed, of which the enclosed is a true copy. — I have up to 2 o'clock no question of anything else the matter; and I am reluctant then, except it is with Mr. Foster, Hon. G. E. —, who is Particularly with the Premier please, on The letter of your own supporters, who / although giving a friends, in Lake Erie, in front of the County of Norfolk, have not yet paid 1/3 of their license for $160. — for this current season. — Will you be pleased to inform me, if you have any recently, in the Elections, or the Department, Ottawa, on this subject — I, to establish the — of the Dominion.

I am the other Boat Men Fishermen, I am already paid for this season. —

Yours most respectfully. —

W. Kerr. —

M. Overseer.

William Wallace Esq/re
M. M. M. —
Simcoe — Ont/o

Private.

Copy.

Jas. M. Hen Esqre Sidney 15. July 1822.—

I received your
[illegible] by the newspaper the names of
Messrs [illegible] I have
[illegible]
Known such misbehaviour about being charged
for cutting a piece of Pork for a prisoner was
and not for sale. Curtis also complained
about being fined. I told them if they violated
the law they must expect to get fined.—
Some of them were of opinion that they had
got into trouble by being deceived.— Since the
Chiefs I wrote the depositions about these matters,
another quarrel with the Port Dover people in
the first that a rabbit got Port Leigh has been
made a Freedom.—

I am Dear Sir.

Yours truly.
Saml William Wallace.—

No: 5.

Copy.—

Sir

I have received your letter of the 9th inst. and am sorry to find that you have not yet received the Money which I remitted to you by Mr Lewis Wyatt who assured me that you would receive it before he left Liverpool. I have written to him to enquire the reason of your disappointment, and shall write to you again as soon as I receive his answer. I am Sir

Your obedient Servt

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Mr [illegible]

[illegible]

P. M. [illegible]

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Immediate! No: 4.

Copy.

Seattle Wash.

21 June 1912

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 5th inst. and in reply would say that I have not been fishing for Halibut since the 15th inst. when I left Cape Ommaney for Seattle. I do not know how the Halibut fishing is now as I am not fishing myself, being prepared for sailing. Regarding the Halibut catch made last season with Power Vessel "Kit" as soon as the Books are closed up, the annual license fee, for each power boat engaged in fishing, will be paid. I am sorry that I have been unable to attend to this matter before, your fishing being illegal. I must express regret. The law says: "Fishing by means of Nets, unless under license from the Department of Marine and Fisheries is prohibited within the waters of Alaska."

I am informed by a license power boat fisherman of this port that he did not intend paying, until a reduction in the annual license fee, of $40 per power.

Since the 15th inst. I have been in correspondence with the Fisheries department, Ottawa, on the subject of a reduction in the annual license fee per power. And I may now inform you that there will be a reduction made in the present power boat license fee of $40. — It is also unnecessary for you to obtain fishing, and engaging a privilege; which the power boat fishermen, have had to pay for, before

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No. 11.

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Fisheries Branch.

Sir,— Hamilton, 17. July 1882.—

With reference to your letter to me of the 4th inst. wherein you asked my report in reply to yours of the 7th instant: I have now in addition to that former report, to state further, for your information: that having learned from H. W. Ainsley Esq. Deputy at Port Dover of the Firm of Ainsley and Allen, Pound Net proprietors, on the 6th instant; that William Wallace Esq. Late M.P. for South Norfolk: had at their request written to the department, Ottawa; since the recent Elections held on the 20th of June last, for the House of Commons; I wrote Mr. Wallace See No. 1. as attached to which I received his reply thereto, please refer to No. 2. also attached.

It is in reference to the contents of this letter, that I just now called upon, to explain to you on the Complaints alluded to, by Mr. Wallace. I heard these complaints would be made, coming on, about the eve of the late Election. And it was publicly stated I heard that unless Mr. Wallace would be returned, — get an reduction made in the Pound Net Licenses, &c. &c of the South Riding of Norfolk, those fishermen calling themselves Conservatives, and the friends of the Government would not vote for him. —

Mr. Wallace, you will please observe, states in his letter to me, thus: "I may say that nearly all the Owners of pound nets, have complained about the Licence charged."

In reply to this I may here state that this is over in accordance with what I was told by a fisherman who was present, when Mr. Wallace said so.

There is one thing, you should know about some

W. F. Whitaker Esq.
Com. of Fisheries,
Ottawa. —

of those Round Net. fishermen at Port Rowan:—
Some of them manage their business affairs very well,
& they lose nothing at the close of the year; while
Messrs Moore and Stewart, Moore states as to me, on
the 6th inst" lost about $400. last spring "in bad
debts and spoiled fresh fish" kept over too long, not
being sold at the proper time; and ultimately thrown
and carted to the dumping heap:— Another Port Rowan,
Jirm, lost a great deal more fresh fish, in a similar
way, than even Moore & Stewart lost. However
bad management as I call it should not be shelt
ered as to the Fisheries report about Electric lines
of Law & Post Masters! as the cause why, present
moderate charges for Round net licenses should be
reduced, it would be more politic to abolish and limit
the number of Rounds fishing: than to do such a
thing!!.—

Mr Wallace, writes!: "That dissatisfaction exists
"around Port Rowan, and neighbourhood, about fees
"charged for entering a place of fish for a fishing sta-
"tion and not for sale"!

In reply to this I have to report: that this, I presume
has reference to Hook and night Line fishing, for Sturgeon
the charge is only 50 ct. per 100 Hooks &c. — Besides those
who fish have the privilege of procuring bait for
bait. I am aware that in many instances where men
catches more Sturgeon, than he requires for his family use,
he sells the balance; and would not be Law to
Seine hauling parties on Lake Erie, if those people
about Port Rowan, were permitted to fish and catch
100's Rounds of Sturgeon each at least @ 10. per
Rounds. — Please see my report of the Norfolk Dis-
trict for year 1881, and pay particular
Regt. Inspectors, as I have forwarded

charge it of, on the eve of the late Election.

The small amounts charged for Stock and hire, viz. 4$, for ~~swearing~~, was sanctioned — the bailiff about 18. or 17. years ago, and this is the first time a complaint is made about it; at least, many fair people spoken, but last year, when that, and during former ~~years~~, it has become a more business business. It is approved of, by departments.

Mr Wallace, states: "Parties also complained about being fined. I told them, if they violated the Law, they must expect to get fined."

In reply to this, I have to report that about 20. persons were fined last spring, by Colonel Gilbee, J.P. of Port Rowan; for various contraventions of the Fisheries act.

The complaint was made against the party's, to me by Evan Powers, Fishery Guardian, at Port Royal. I instructed him; to go before Col: Gilbee J.P. the Customs Collector, Port Rowan; and if the cases were proven, to have a small nominal fine inflicted on each; this was done according to Law: and when the small fines imposed, were collected; I will send you the return and amount, with all the particulars... Public Notice were posted all over the locality, when the defendants reside, laying down the Law; so that Mr Wallace reply was very appropriate when given to the complaints. — There is no longer a personal object in imposing fines, as the entire fines will be remitted to the Fisheries department, Ottawa. —

Mr Wallace, states: "None of them were of opinion that they got into trouble, by being deceived."

In reply, I have the honor to report, that I know nothing whatever about this; but I will make enquiry.

Mr Wallace, states; "Since Election, I wrote the department, about these matters; & the gentleman

with the Port Dover people, is the fact that while
upon (Cat: Leigh) had been made a question?—

In reply to all this, I have to report, it is owing
to a many small acts of things; when people busy
themselves, by advising such a Knilly man, as Mr.
William Wallace, to submit to the department
such trifling matters.——

In this report, and my former report of the
7th instant, I give you more fully all and every
fact within my knowledge connected with these
complaints.—And I have withheld nothing.—

I am not ofpraesing in doing my duty up in
the Norfolk division of Lake Erie; some of the
Fishermen imagine they can do just as they have
a mind to; and hence why they have complained
in these cases.—

I attach copies of letters Nos 3. and 4.—I
have written to Messrs Stewart and Moore, about
their Pound Net, Cause Jess, referred to in my
last report to you, on this subject.—

And with due respect.—

I have the Honor to be,
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant
Johnston,—
Fishery Overseer.

Private!

Memorandum: for L. P. Bowell Esqre
Fisheries department,
Ottawa. —

I send you this day, receipts for $25. for wages, as Spanish Fishery Guardian to 30th June 1882. —

By the enclosed letter I received from Owen Bowers, Fishery Guardian, Port Royal, which accompanied those signed Receipts, you will find how dissatisfied he is, because he did not receive $50, same as last Half year, instead of $25. dollars. —

I do not Know when the spirit may move James W. Mc Cole, the 4th Guardian, at St Williams, to send me his receipts for the Ten dollars; please return me Bowers's letter after you read it. —

It appears, Bowers, has got hold of all C. L. Bingham's letters, the department have written to him, from time to time; a letter Book, and copies of letters written by Mr Bingham, to the fisheries department, a Letter Press, and a small safe. &c. &c. &c. ...

Will you be pleased to write me, enquiring for all these things, and to get them for you. — — And with much respect, I am, As Usual! —

Your Obedient Servant,
John Wilkes. —
Fishery Overseer. —
Norfolk Division.

Hamilton, Ont.
17. July 1882. —

Fisheries Branch Office.
Halifax N.S. July 1st 1892.

Sir

I have the honour to transmit herewith a Statement of the Fisheries of the Province of Nova Scotia, for the year 1891, and to request that you will cause the necessary steps to be taken for the payment of the Bounties for the year 1891, amounting to $100,000 as voted by the last Parliament of the Dominion House of Commons.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

Inspector

The Deputy Minister

The Hon. the

Minister of

Marine and Fisheries,

Ottawa.

Colony Secretary's Office
Hamilton 12th July 1866.

I have the honor to acquaint you for the
Board of Works for the Parish of Waiuku in the
township of Kaihiki, you a Road Line to join that
made, on Lake Waiuku in front of the township of
Waiuku, and Township of Hamlin.

This Line to extend from the Road entering
in front of the township for a distance of Five chains
the Road of Line for as to be fixed.

With you be pleased to cause the Line
taken above to this Line, which Arrangement
may be practical as soon as convenient.

And will be kept.

I have the Honor &c &c
&c
Jno Sheehan Esq
Chairman
Colony Secretary

W. B. White Esq
Clerk of Works.
Waiuku.

Memorandum:- for S. P. Rennet Esq.
Fisheries department
Ottawa.

In the case of this license, will you be pleased to add thereto that portion of the township of Grimsby - for Lot fifty 3 the fractional in the margin of this License issued by you to Philip Patrick Head of Hamilton.

The Lot Head of Grimsby has a license to fish in Lake Ontario in front of the township of Grimsby also, and what do you think? he wants not to be limited to Lot fifty & fish there, if he could procure it. The township of Grimsby has about 8 miles of lake frontage: There are three places in the Lake in front thereof where the fish come to shore; one near the centre of the town; one to the east, the next one further along between there & Stoney

arranged that Henry Thomas Gibbons may have about one & a quarter miles of gill nets in the three Lots fifty, fifty one & fifty two in the township of Grimsby, also in the same as mentioned in the said license to the said Philip Patrick Head. Henry Thomas Gibbons has also a license to fish with about one & a quarter miles of gill nets in the Head of the said Lake, and it is where the other fishermen fish, which Philip Patrick Head has not fished in the said Lake, but was looking after the interest of the Lessee, but has got a second Head, & you will see that his license was obtained to fish from the Head down as far as the Lake. I do recommend that he be if possible to give satisfaction to both parties.

I am respectfully,
Yours,
Hiley Hime

Hamilton, Ont.
19. July 1873.

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Memorandum for S. O. Smallwood Esq.
Colonial Secretary's
Office.

Have some cause to doubt the
handwriting respecting my absence
this week this afternoon.—

I beg to apologize to
you for the foregoing mistake.—

Your's respectfully,
J. H. Kerr.
Colony Surgeon.

Hamilton Bda.
19. July 1882.

Memm for Orderly Sergt
I send you by Mail
this day, - Licenses as follows, Viz:-
1. Jacob Abbott Walsingham
2. William Slater Devonshire
3. Joel M. Desmond Jackson's Bay.
I only Then this afternoon
for the Colonial Department. —
Are there any others back or
Overdue! —

Yours &c.
J. H. Kerr, —
Colony Surgeon.

Hamilton Bda.
19. July 1882.

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[illegible] 20. July 1882.

Yours Gratefully
Jno Kee.

Reply — Copy —

My dear Sir, — Yours of 18th instant is just received! Will you be pleased to get for, and send me at once, the names of all those people, whom you say went over to [illegible] point, on last sunday, and on previous sundays, and fished there, in contravention of the Fisheries Act, and the Sabbath observances Acts. — And on receipt of the same, I will instruct you and March, what you will do, and how to proceed. Beyond the time necessary, dont delay in sending me this required information at once. And perhaps it may be necessary for you to run across to the Cottages and see Mr March, and advise with him in the meam time. — He may be ignorant of the Law. — We! that is you, and I, jointly, must assist him actively in this case. — Yours &c.

Owen Bowers Esqre
J.P. for Port Rowan.

Lieut. Kerr. R.N.
Hamilton, Ont.
20. July 1882.

Ans'd.

— Copy. —

On one of those days, that we are commanded to not labour, there went two large excursion parties, bound to the Thomas Notes, and the Bank. — Good Salvages left the Harbour by 8 of the clock, and arrived to [illegible] Long point 40. persons on board. [illegible] the hole of the [illegible] of the the march began of [illegible] season of fishing. [illegible] I be in the matter. — [illegible] be necessary I make at once. — For the said marks fruit they have openly violated the Lords day by sundry acts.

This sunday fishing was done at the Cottages under the Nose of Excise-March, it may be, that he will attend to it, but I think he is too slow on the march. — The public want this sunday fishing stopped. — Sir Owen Bowers

18. July 1882.

Hon. Mr. Mackenzie,

I have just
received a letter of enquiry from Mr.
Hon. Thomas Fuller at Ottawa
respecting the employment of Indians
during the summer in the Lake Ste.
John District. Copy No: 1. enclosed for
your information, and that of the
Superintendent, Indian Affairs.
Should the Indians for some
reason not be employed, my
reply will therefore be unfavorable.
Should I be favored with your
views on the subject, I will
communicate them to Mr. Fuller
immediately. With due respect.
I am, Your Obt. Servt.
John W. Keller
Indian Agent

Hon. A. Mackenzie Esq.
M.P. &c. &c.
Ottawa.

Indian Office
Hamilton
20. July 1872.

Memorandum: To S. P. Superintendent
Fisheries department, —
Ottawa. —

I appears from a letter I have just received from Mr. Owen Bowers, P. Guardian Port Royal, Lake Erie, that fishing and fishing in Lake Erie, at Long point, is quite a common practice there now on every Sunday. —

Copy!. No. 1. —

— On one of these days, that we are commanded to not labour there went two large excursion parties boarded the Thomas Notas, and Star Hawk, said Schooners, left their moorings, by 6. of the clock, and went to Rice Bay, Long point, 40. persons in all, and there fished the whole of the Sabbath day, under the direction of Alfred Mark Cameron of Long point. What shall I do in the matter. If I am to give them send me the necessary blanks, at once, for several weeks past, they have openly violated the Lords day by similar acts.

Same!. No: 1. Continued!.

This sunday fishing was done at the Cottages under the, Care of Cameron Mark, it may be, that he will attend to it but I think he is too slow on the pluck. — The public want this sunday fishing stopped. —

Port Royal, Owen Bowers,
18. July 1882. — No: 2. — Copy. —

To the above I replied as follows:

Copy Yours of the 18th instant, is just received and will you be pleased to get for, and send me at once, the names of all those, [illegible] you say, went out to Long point on last sunday, and on previous Sundays, and fished

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clause in contravention of the Dakota act, & the Sabbath Observance act. - Look on receipt of the same, & will instruct you, more fully, what you will do, and how to proceed. - Beyond the time, necessary, don't delay in sending me at once, this required information: and perhaps it may be necessary for you to come across to the Cottages, and see the Plaintiff, and advise with him in the mean time. He may be ignorant of the law. - We, that is you and I, justly must assist him actively in this case.

Hamilton Ont.
Yrs. Truly, Jno. V. Jarvis - P.O. -
20 July 1912.

After writing, and making the above to Messrs. Manners & Gwynne in Port Royal, Ont., I made out copies of the same and sent them to Lieut. J. Mackenzie Esq. Deputy Sheriff, Surgeon, Hamilton. - Copy! there!!.

My dear Mr. Mackenzie. —

I have just received a letter of complaint from Mr. Sam Manners, Gibbs Farmer, at Port Royal, Lake Erie, complaining of Mr. Gibbs giving Liquor to an Indian in Lake Erie, at Long Point. Copy No: 1. enclosed for your information, and that of the Indian Chief. Tekarihogen there. - But I also enclose for your information, Mr. Gibbs, my reply and instructions thereto. No. 2. Will you be pleased to write, and serve the same with your remarks thereon to the Chief, immediately. With due respect. I am, Yrs. Truly.

Jno. V. Jarvis.
P.O. Hamilton
20. July 1912.

Lieut. J. Mackenzie Esq.
Deputy Sheriff &c. &c.
Long Point Bay.
Hamilton.

P.S. Will you be pleased to send me a supply of Blank Summonses to Defendants. —
and Blank Subpoenas to witnesses to prove this case, at Trial, as - Also
Blank Summonses to Jurors, not to be sent to Jurors, at present. —
Jno. V. Jarvis P.O.

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My dear Mr Whitcher.-

Your Kind favour of 20th instant, is duly received; and your wine will be expressed to you this afternoon; and you may expect to find the R.R. Express charges paid, in the custody of the Express on Monday morning. —

I cannot express it to you in words, what pleasure it always gives me to have you and Mrs Whitcher.

On Tuesday morning next, if nothing happens, you may expect to find six White fish in your Express office, Ottawa, to your address, Charges paid. — And I hope to be able to send you some weekly for some time to come. — And now I will trouble you, or Mrs Whitcher to give three of those fish, to Mr Barnett, for himself and family use. — I am aware that you always decide with him, for Mrs Whitcher told me so. — He is a very Kindly good fellow to me! and his advice to me is always so acceptable. — —

And now about all those empty Kegs, you refer to, please send them back, by Freight, to the address, as per Card enclosed herewith, — I will get something for them; after freight charge, is deducted from their value. — You can please advise me how many Kegs you sent back. I saw our Mutual friend John D. Mark today, who desires to be Kindly Remembered to Mrs W. and you. — We are pulling comfortably together in the Sunday Fishing &c. and every thing else. — —

And with Kind and warm regards, and respects to you, Mrs W, — one and all, believe me as ever. —

Yours Sincerely. —

J. W. Stark. —

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Com: of Fisheries
Ottawa. —

Hamilton. Ont.
22. July 1882.

P.S. I took heads of fish, so as to reduce charges! —

Fishery Overseers office.—
Hamilton 24. July 1882.—

Sir

I have the Honor to send you, Bank draft No: 1,174, for the Sum of Twenty three dollars.—

Will you be pleased to apply this amount on Licenses already received and delivered.—

For year 1881.—

1. Martinus Berry B. Beach. For a Boat license to fish 1000 Yards of White fish or Salmon Trout, and 600, Yards of Cisco gill nets, in Lake Ontario in front of township of Saltfleet, and now paid for year 1881. — in full. — $5.00

2. Jonathan Berry do, do, do, do, on lot "the Total amount is $5.— " 2 3.00

3. H. L. Bastien. Hamilton. For a license to fish in Station No: 1. in Burlington Bay, on B. beach. for Current year, already received, and delivered, but only now paid. — — 5.00

4. Frank Jackson, Port Dover. — Balance in full for license to fish four Pounds in Lake Erie during this current year, in front of the Townships of Charlotteville and Woodhouse, County of Norfolk — 10.00

And which is respectfully Total. $23.00

Submitted. — — —

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir. —
Your Obedient Servant
John W. Kerr. —
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries. —
Ottawa. — —

Fishery Overseer's Office.—
2 Hamilton, 29. July 1882.—

Sir.

I have the honor to send you herewith, Bank draft No: 311. for the sum of One Hundred and twenty Nine dollars.——

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows; for this current season:—

1. David Fitch, Burlington Beach. For Seine hauling license to fish on Station No: 7. in Lake Ontario, on B. beach. already received and delivered; amount is now sent $5.00

2:— Messrs David Moore, and James W. Stewart, of Port Dover.— For pound Net licenses to fish four pounds in Lake Erie, with single head or pots, in front of certain lots situated in the townships of Woodhouse and Charlotteville, and County of Norfolk; same as last year, the license fee is at the rate of $40. per pound $160.

Amount now sent you on account, is $124.00

The balance $36. will be sent you immediately.

Dind with due respect.—

I have the Honor to be.—
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant.
John W. Kerr.——
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Comr. of Fisheries.—
Ottawa.———

Fishery Overseers Office.
Hamilton, 29. July 1882.—

Sir.—

I have the Honor to send you Bank draft No: 321. for the sum of Fifty one dollars.— —

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for the current season (1882.) as follows:—

1. Messrs David Moore, and James W. Stewart. of Port Dover. Balance in full for fishing under licenses. Jown pound Nets in Lake, in front of the townships of Woodhouse and Charlotteville. $ 36.00

2. Dan: McGwyne. B. Beach. For a Seine hauling license to fish in Burlington Bay, last spring, already received, and fished under.— $ 5.00

3. Jonathan Corey & Coy.— B. Beach. For a license to fish a White fish Seine 300. yards long, on Station No: 1. in Lake Ontario, on B. Beach, already received, and delivered.— $ 5.00

4. Thomas Mansfield. Frenchmans Bay. For a license to Seine fish there in Lake Ontario already received: this is on a/c^t ... $ 5.00

And with much respect—

I Have the Honor to be,

Sir.—

Your Obedient Servant.

John W. Kerr.—

Fishery Overseer.

Binding & Conveyance from J. N. Corey

W. F. Whitcher Esqr
Com^r of Fisheries.
Ottawa.

Private!

Hamilton. Ont.
29. July 1882.

My dear Mr. Bausch.-

After some hard tugging, I have succeeded this day, in getting $36.- the balance of $160.- licence fees, for four pounds being fished by Messrs. David Moore, and Wm. Jas: W. Stewart, of Port Dover, in Lake Erie, this year.-

I attach for your information, an article I have this day cut from Hamilton Spectator of todays date, evidently furnished to the writer, by Mr. David Moore himself.- So that we may take it for granted the truth generally comes up on the surface.- Moore by Telegraph apprised me to meet him at Railway Station at 10. a.m. on thursday last, when Train from Port Dover, arrived! I done so, and received them $124. and an order on John Davis. Fish dealer here for $36 55/100 which I received today.- The $124. I got from Moore himself in Cash, which I paid in to Montreal Bank, got draft, No: 311, which I also sent you today.

I went to Niagara on thursday, and home on yesterday. no fishing there! I have been greatly disappointed in not being able this week, to get a mess of fish for Ottawa.- I hope to succeed in doing so, next week.

The only fish being caught now, in Lake Ontario, is in front of Grimsby.

and at "Frenchmans Bay. - I cannot account to you! ~~what it is~~, beyond what I have officially stated to you recently, what it is, that has driven away the White fish from their usual haunts in Lake Ontario. - The printed paragraph attached will at once show you, how little can Post down, Poor Het Fisherman, have for having deiscented! I have succeeded in getting them for from them and their neighbours $580. for pound net licenses, which I have sent you. - And the balance will be collected and sent you in good time. - It astonishes myself, when I look in to the matter, and think over it, that I find up to this date, I have collected and sent you, $1.407, - That cheque for $10. you sent me for J. W. McCall, of St. Williams, I hear, was stolen out of his coat pocket. McCall has never sent word to me about it whatever, nor has he returned me the receipts. - With many warm thanks to you and Mr. Whitelaw, for your great kindness to me. - Believe me, - Your much Obliged, Humble Servant

S. P. Bauserman Esq.
Fisheries department
Ottawa. -

J. W. Kerr. - P.O. -

To. His Honor. Lieutenant Colonel
Charles Magill. Mayor.—
and
The Aldermen of the City of Hamilton.—

The petition of the Undersigned. Farmers, Owners, and occupants of Farms, in Concessions Nos: 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. of the Township of Barton.—

Respectfully Sheweth;—That they permitted your predecessors in office to enter upon their Farms, on certain conditions, never fulfilled;— to make, build and construct a drain; so as to protect certain properties situated within the City limits of Hamilton.— That by diverting the water from flowing down the Mountain, at the head of Dunes street, the property of Edward Martin Esquire Barrister, and several Citizens, have been saved, and protected from damage, loss and injury.—

That the said drain; The Mountain drain.— so far as completed; has been well built, and constructed; and a stone dam, laid in mortar, placed at its head, on the Hamilton and Port Dover Stone Road; near the Mountain View Hotel; so as to stop all the water from descending into Dunes street, and the City of Hamilton; and thus force the water, and all surplus water to run and flow east, through and over, and across our Farms, and properties which are situated east of the Hamilton and Port Dover Stone Road.— That this drain has been made and finished all over, and through your Lots Nos 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, and 8, in the 4th Concession of Barton and all the claims made on your Corporation by the Owners of those Farm lots, to the extent of Several Hundred dollars, have been paid and satisfied by your predecessors to the satisfaction

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of all persons concerned.-- That then all further work ceased on Lot No: 8. in the 4th Concession.-

That in consequence of the balance of work, on this drain, being left undone, and not completed: through, over and across Lots, Nos: 7. 6. 5. and 4, in the 4th Concession; and Lots 4 and 3, in the 5th Concession; and Lots 3, and 2, in the 6th Concession of Barton; as agreed upon with the Township Council of Barton; and with some of your petitioners, by your predecessors.- Your petitioners crops! wheat, potatoes, Corn and barley, have been injured and destroyed, and became a total loss; by extra water from the finished portion of the drain, coming down with a rush, and flooding over the fields and crops of your petitioners; The unfinished portion of the drain in its present state, is not sufficiently made for to carry off the extra water, and hence it floods all over the farms, and lands of your petitioners.-- That your petitioners pray, and desire that this repeated yearly damage, loss, and injury be stopped immediately, by the prompt completion of the unfinished balance of the Mountain drain, down to the Hamilton, and G. Western Railway Culvert, and settlement made at once, as was agreed upon, by Alr Charles Foster, and other Aldermen; when prices for Compensation were fixed, and agreed to, by some of your petitioners.--- And your petitioners want only British fair play!- Just such, when agreed by, and before your petitioners, was afterwards meted out, by the late Mayor and Board of Aldermen, to Alr Joseph Sanders, Alr James Dolly, and Alr Adam Such, and immediately paid,

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as Settled upon, before your petitioners: "Your petitioners pray that no distinction be made in their case; but that all be treated alike!- That your petitioners be, and receive at your hands their fair and just due; the same as you have already conferred on Messrs Joseph Sardua, James Doley, Adam Inch, Mrs Green, John Martin, Benjamin Hughson and James G. Munn; through whose properties, the drain was made and finished, and who were paid by the late Mayor and Aldermen, for the privilege of permitting the drain being made through their respective properties.- And your petitioners, as in duty bound will pray.-

Barton, 6th July 1842.-

Sd Samuel Rundell, Samuel D. Rundell.-
" John W. Kerr.- Daniel Flack.-
" Thomas Jaggard.- Laurence Kennedy.-
" John A. Davis.- Robert Lowden.-
" Elijah S. Davis.- W. H. B. Secord.-
" Joseph Shuttler.- Amos Burkholder.-
" George Bowman.- L. C. Barnes.-
" Wm C. Bruce.- James Watt.
" Robert Watt.-

Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton, 4th August 1862.—

Sir.

I have the honor to submit for your information, a letter, dig. "To Fishermen" sent from Hamilton Times, of yesterday the 29th ult.

I have so fully, fairly, and I trust calmly gone into this Cotton Mills, City of Hamilton, already in reports to you of 2nd and 29th ult, that I repeat the matter to you again so fully, for the information of "The Hon. the Minister, would be a repetition of former reports.—

There is a great diversity of opinion in the mind of the public, that these Dye stuffs, flowing from the Cotton Mills of Hamilton, N. H., and daily entering the waters of Burlington Bay, are its pernicious effects on the Bay fish.—

From the general opinion expressed in this letter, signed, "A Fisherman",— but not a licensed fisherman, I must demur and dissent; as I do not believe now that the drainage from the Dye Houses, of our City of Hamilton Cotton Mills, run into the waters of the Bay, is poisonous in its nature, to fish; when it enters the Bay waters.— The most sub-aqueous life of the plunger, and Mr. Hawkins, the Dyer of the Cotton Cotton Mills, with 18 years experience, is now quite satisfactory, as I hope it will be, to you on this point.— It is a rule laid down, that so long as these deleterious deadly poisons dye stuffs complained of, possess the properties of dying, they are more up to the last atom.—

B. Wilkie Esqr
Insp: of Fisheries.
Ottawa

This does it is only the first they become breeders, and after which, they dye refuse is discharged into the sewers, from the Vats, and from there in to the waters of the Bay, as a useless ingredient, that refuse to go in the waters of the Bay, where it enters; a dye more below, there is no other harm done. —

But independent of all this, Age we continually filling with back, back and bile, from the whole of the waters of the bay, close to where this dye stuff enters the said waters of the Bay, catching the various kinds of fine fish, daily. — There are no dead fish, nor fish floating on the waters of the Bay. — since the Ontario Cotton Mills, commenced active operations. Mr. William Pearce, Asst Miller, who keeps and maintains a large Boat House, with an extensive fleet of small boats, for pleasure, and angling purposes, there is no foundation, nor necessity whatever, for the publication of the letter alluded, signed "A. Fisherman" Mr. Jno Mackenzie, Detective of Police, Hamilton, — whose attention was called to the dye stuffs, informed me as follows, there is no cause whatever for alarm. And I have observed nothing since I made my last report, for to change my mind on the subject. I have visited the place frequently &c. —

There is at present 320, persons actively employed in the Ontario Cotton Mills, Hamilton, and there is about $ 8,000 — wages, paid there monthly. —

I deem it unadvisable to refer you, to my former reports, and recommendations, and as contained in my report to you, dated Hamilton 29. May 1882. personally, I feel a deep interest, in the success, and prosperity of our valuable fisheries, Lakes, Rivers, and Fishing Bays generally.

the clear reason I give him even in that case
before me; I have again the honor to remind
him the Court both sides of the Bigot Meeting
he expects from the operation of both section 4. of
section 14. of the Elections Act. — And that the same
be given effect to as soon as practicable, so as
to quiet the public mind of the Parishioners, only
being ignorant no doubt of the course I have
really taken in the case, speaks so highly of
nevertheless. — And with due respect. —

I have the Honor to be
Sir. —
Your obedient Servant
D. L. Macpherson. —
Sheriff Cornwall. —

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D. L. Macpherson. —
1. Municipal Returns. —
2. Charles McCall. —
3. Lt. Col. Carlton, —
Have the honor to be
Sir. —
Your obedient Servant
D. L. Macpherson. —
Sheriff Cornwall. —

Memorandum for S. O. Beasley Esq.
Siluria department,
Ottawa....

Many thanks for the copy of your letter to Mr. W. A. Allan of Drumville, Ferley Corners. I think it should straighten him up; but then in his own opinion and estimate of himself he knows more for his small size than the rest of the human family; but I should like to know more about the letter than can be discovered. I sent a note just to the address of Mr. Whitelaw, yesterday, which I hope he has received early this morning, as I telegraphed him I hope he decides to go with you! I also sent to your Ottawa address a 5 gallon keg of nice wine I hope it arrived safe and sound; and I hope you will receive it from your hotel tonight, and may you enjoy it with pleasure and profit.

I just I am so hungry in debt, a debt of gratitude to Mr. Whitelaw and yourself. I feel so happy to think in being able to get that $100. for the time being (2 years) from Mr. Allan and Mr. Whitelaw, and without a note I don't you to take interest. I believe tonight or tomorrow for $127, and I hope tonight for $198. long may you live! I am anxious to receive a letter of introduction from you to Mr. Whitelaw, and if I fail to do so! It is because I cannot get them. Remembrance of me has all ways. Mr. White will what Hayward is gone and should. I am glad to say that Mr. Whitelaw is better. Mrs. Whitelaw, please inform of it, by telephone. I am glad the Bell and Lyon will be satisfied to send your Ottawa.

Yours truly
Wm. Ed. Ely
14th August 1895.

CERTIFICATE OF POST OFFICE REGISTRATION.

No. 74

Registered this day a Letter addressed to

P Kane
Kenora

Post Office Stamp and Date



Postmaster.

Quinton Missouri
Oct 10th

My dear Pony.—

I owe you
a letter. I do not
know what you will say to this but
I cannot help it, with my best
wishes for its success to you
I remain Ever Yours
Affectionately
Jos. C. Hawes

and send them by Monday early
train to Neosho.— I will meet
them there.— I will write at once
and give the position in town
I am to occupy. Open the letter
with a check in them for
the Fair Play for Oct. and
Nov. Then for Dec. and Jan.
the first of the month
the first of the month
the first of the month

My dear Jem. —

after I had written
Mr Cochrane to give him
my reasons for not
going up to London to the Stage I met
in front John Ryan who
asked permission to give the
pass of which he only granted
I wished to see you
Miss Mary.
all his regiment
to apply for the
you can manage
him sending
at Kennedy's Hotel.
if you require it to be

plenty of Deer
subject. The plan is to
go to Lough Derg Bishop
station for the
evening of the
Tuesday
pass for you at
Dublin
from the upper
and Dary — we should
hopefully able to play

grounds and Davey's is too small already, to be made a separate district ground of. — I don't want the to say any thing. I am quite, as to her intention. — And to remain a ground to be grass to a — months before he can get — it will be as well as it was. If he Reid is not of the question. — The question of the ground is only speaking, how is he to do it. If it ought properly to belong to Miss Kate Carbonell, or you, and Mr Albert Davey. —

I saw on G. Reed on yesterday morning. I did not Miss Berry, but she was made aware on Saturday last, that her daughter was safe at your fireside. —

Poorly. Hands take on yesterday morning was 24. girls, — how is that in Mr. White's fold. — May take it to each. — Splendid rain here all day to day. — A great deal of Wheat not under it; that would be better in the Barn. — The boys got — 11. loads on yesterday. — a — many loads not stile; and 2 acres (Jule) to cut yet. — Spring Wheat, barley, peas and Oats, ripening fast. — It is a fine sight to see the Old Duck, and 19. young ones parading round; besides 19. half-grown and feathering in another flank. — And now in conclusion, remain me Kindly to Miss Kate C. and all the rest, yourself! the biggest responsibility of all. —

Emilia, — Yours Sincerely. —

1. August 1852. J. Wilson

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P.S. When mother undertakes to write a letter she generally gets into a fearful mess — Hamilton, Ont.

5th August 80

My dear Aunt

I must have written all day on Saturday, & then I was so tired, I could not finish my letter, & I had to leave off in the middle of a sentence, which looks very silly, & then I was so busy on Monday, & Tuesday, that I had no time to write, & then I was so tired on Wednesday, & Thursday, that I could not write, & then on Friday I had to go to Toronto, & Hamilton, & I was so busy, that I had no time to write, & then on Saturday I was so tired, that I could not write, & then on Sunday I was so busy, that I had no time to write, & then on Monday I was so tired, that I could not write, & then on Tuesday I was so busy, that I had no time to write, & then on Wednesday I was so tired, that I could not write, & then on Thursday I was so busy, that I had no time to write, & then on Friday I was so tired, that I could not write, & then on Saturday I was so busy, that I had no time to write, & then on Sunday I was so tired, that I could not write, & then on Monday I was so busy, that I had no time to write, & then on Tuesday I was so tired, that I could not write, & then on Wednesday I was so busy, that I had no time to write, & then on Thursday I was so tired, that I could not write, & then on Friday

poor this year: down as far down as Niagara! — I cannot account for it!. Some say the ice last winter, and so Dr. Atkins talk of the old ones. Grapevine, commonly designated Eglin Hill, sitting up on the top of the hill there is no house left for Wilds yet who is corresponding with my friend to know your terms for Wd. What is your terms for the subject.

Now is not the Critic of Mrs Winn? — Who has not seen the Portrait of Mrs Forrest by Griffin hanging [illegible] I know of some who [illegible] Wilds. If so, please write to let me know who they are. — Now is your friend Mrs Gipps.

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Big Jim, and Albert Dang. — Only a dozen applicants for it. — besides Big Jim, and Albert Dang- who have applied to get it between them! — Mrs Plumb, wrote me about a man named Neille, and recommended him for it. — Jack Bailey wants it. Jack Rogers wants it, and I know Jack & Charley Bolton. — Now is always our position, we see many Lots looking grounds long already rented. I have come to the conclusion, to recommend the ground, & sell one in Study to be divided, and give to Albert Dang and Big Jim. — and with kind regards to Mrs Winn and Miss, — Belvia me as ever, Yours Sincerely Mrs. Elliott & W. Winn — Niagara

I suppose, by and others, enjoy themselves mightily now tobbing, and so let it be. —

Will you hunt the Bay again next year, for pike, pike fishing? Or was it besides yourself & Jack there during a part of last spring, or have I been misinformed. —

But with my best wishes for your health, wealth and prosperity, believe me with kind regards, — Yours truly.

H. W. Peters.

Wesleyan Parsonage,
Hamilton C.W.

2. August 1852.

Mr
Hon. Thos. Merritt
St. Catharines
Lincoln Co.

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My dear Friend, — David!.

I send your Licences (2) by todays Mail; —

1st Do in Lake Erie, in front of Lots Nos 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12, 13. 14. 15. and 16, in the Township of Woodhouse and County of Norfolk. —
Do to fish two pounds nets only, with the privilege of using a single pot or head, on each, and to extend into the Lake for a distance of One Hundred and fifty Rods. —

2nd. Do Lake Erie, in front of Lots Nos 19. 20. 21, and the west half of 22, in the Township of Charlotteville; and Lots Nos 3. 4. 5, and 6, — in the Township of Woodhouse, and County of Norfolk,
For two pounds nets only, with the privilege of using a single head or pot, on each, and to extend into the Lake for a distance of One Hundred and fifty Rods. ——

I wish you every Success and prosperity, and believe me, —

very Sincerely — Your Obedient Servant —

John W Kerr — Fishery Overseer
Hamilton, Ontario, —
3. August 1852. —

To,
David Moore Esqre
Pound Net Proprietor
Port Dover —

My dear Minnie, -

I have your letter (1st) of today, and
1st do not think, in front of date, 2, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, are
15, in the township of Hendricks, are County of Shelby. —
Or it fact two persons make only, until the printing of issuing
a single part or book, or both, must be entered into date
of a duplicate of these Statutes, are fully done. —
2nd. In date this, in front of date, 19, 20, 21, are the matter
of 22, in the township of Shelbyville; are date, 3, 4, 5,
are 6, in the township of Hendricks, are County of Shelby.
Or two persons make only until the printing of issuing or single
part or book, are it system into date of a duplicate
these of the Statutes are fully done. ——

Small you very sincerely, are obedient,
me, —
Minnie Adams
Indianapolis
August 1st

private! public!! and obscene!!!

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[illegible] of the 1st inst. was duly received by me on getting
[illegible] and I am glad to hear that you are getting on so well with your
Walnut Harvest and - my boys, with a certain [illegible] - hence; have got in 14
loads of wheat - the rain and our having other things - to finish etc
and the rest have to stay on Wednesday and Thursday. by —
with Riding on Hay Raking. Our Barley is still standing. Hay
about — Potatoes, yielding [illegible]. As regards August Schumachers grand
move in Schinkers Concern possession it will be eligible. It is a good
ground and then should be your feeling there would [illegible] Please give
your friend [illegible] I am in an advance in Lower [illegible] 7 to. The
[illegible] as to the other grounds in the Lower Bay.

Now as regards the [illegible] Ten persons out of forty is
the Kissing to take Leave of [illegible] we might [illegible] success in em-
mitting [illegible] what I [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] another

whatever about it; and as regards Messrs Lucas and Harris, failing on a Sunday — in contravention of the "Fisheries Act"; I have heard since I wrote to you, that the offence was committed by them on a Sunday last year. —

Now as Mr Whitelaw, I never take all he says — as Bible truth! as he is always on the wrong side!! Instance; His telling you! Mr Whitelaw would not be invited to church, any more to Long Point. — Why? he would with you, he was invited last year! and he is invited for next fall again: and who he gets there I am asked to dine and spend a couple of days there. —

I don't believe if Mr Powell, Hon Atty Gen'l, was to be here a night — with it present there Port Rowan people from fishing in Big Bay and if he [illegible] it. — trying hook Long Point on the 9th July last, I mean! he does know all about now; and he has been instructed not to permit it any more; and public Notice will be given once posted in Port Rowan Port Ryerse, and Port Royal and Dover Mr Williams and various other places, warning people of the legal consequences should any person be caught fishing [illegible] on Sunday... It appears during Lent this Year, it was all the go... Where it is time to stop it, and stopped it will be, and you are the person who has done it; and you know it, most effectually. — Dear Sir note it be!!!. ———

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as soon as you have got through with your Harvest. I will come up and see you and I will pay a visit to Long point, and have a chat with the Pheasants, that fish and game. —

I learn very recently, that Mr. G. L. B. — who was suspended last March, a year ago; was at last dismissed by the Fisheries department Ottawa. — and a Mr. Whitcher !! — I suppose you and I can see the Devil satisfactorily. — I have not received that letter from J. W. McCuaig yet. — I never got back the receipts for the $40 — from him. — His services have been dispensed with since 30th of June last. —

When I come up we will talk matters over all through the piece! — We have a most pleasant day here today. — We are all well, and I enjoy good health myself. — And with my kind regards, and best respects to you and yours, — Believe me, —

Fraternally Yours, —
Jas. Kerr. — Jr. Engineer.
Hamilton, Ont.
4. August 1882.

Mr. Thomas Ramsay Esq.
Fishery Inspector. —
Port Rowan.
Ont.

P.S. I see you have you summoned them people up: when is the trial! J. K.

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If advised to do so, I can come see all my people assembled together, and report the result. But I hope still to accomplish the great object you have in view. Why does not the Governor General come publicly out in the prospectus of the Big Show, seeing that our Most Gracious Queen is Patron. The Duke of Argyle, President and the Right Honble Sir John Alexander Macdonald, K.C.B. Governor of Canada, Patrons for the Dominion of Canada.

Yours truly! "You will notice all these things are taken for!" I see it all, but dreams and Joy may still come in the morning.

Yours truly! "And you my distinguished man in the Great Smallbone, who will get on the back of each collection or specimen of any thing connected in the list, if you have got one, Mind and let me know what steps as to what day I am in?" I shall know of my arrival, you see, by Lapse of letter writing! Be good enough to give me correct address to which any answer addressed by you can reach me in America with the least delay, by Telegram, Cable, &c. &c. &c.; as I might lose you passage in Steamer.

Yours truly! "Do you know my dog would bite, I should come up, and — you must find out what I do come."

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Fishery Overseer's Office.—
Hamilton, 16: August 1882.—

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I have the honor to receive from you a letter, dated Port Dalhousie, July 31st 1882, from Mr. David Hunter, Light Keeper, there; to His Hon.ble The Minister, asking permission from the Department for to use a small gill net, for catching fish, for family use and consumption; his salary being very small he states the privilege would help him some!—and referred to me, for to report thereon!!..—

In reply I have the Honor to report that I do not altogether consider this as a case where such privilege should be granted without exercising due caution and consideration.— In the first place, I find Mr. David Hunters Salary—is $300.— a year, a House, half an acre of land attached, and light.— I believe, and I have heard outside of this, he has a House and lot of his own rented up in the village of Port Dalhousie, for $5. per month, $60. per year.—

I went down to Port Dalhousie, on yesterday, and I saw Captain Hunter, as he is familiarly known, and enquired of him how much net he wanted to fish, and where he desired to fish it!— He replied; he wanted to fish 300. yards of Herring and pickerel gill net, just immediately out from the East pier of the Welland Canal, in Lake Ontario.

I cannot recommend that he be given permission for to fish in or near the place applied for! but I recommend that he be given a free license for to fish 300 yards of Herring and pickerel gill nets, in Lake Ontario, in front of Ogden point, which is in the township of Grantham, for his own family

W. F. Whitcher Esq.
Com: of Fisheries.
Ottawa.—

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or if he does not accept this I ought to be given the same salary as the Light Keeper at Port Dalhousie, $600. a year, which is at the south end of the Welland Canal in Lake Erie. Captain Munro has two Lights to attend to.

In the next place, I have to report for your information; that the place where Hunter applied to me for to fish is situated in a place where nets not fishing is not permitted!! it being set apart for Anglers, &c. and already within the licensed limits of Mr Peter Math, an old licensed fisherman of 17 years standing whose rights should be considered, respected and protected and who on being spoken to yesterday for his Lower Nets for this present year declared to me; he had not quite $10.- on hand, and he had thus far only caught 33. white fish, this season, during Current year, —

Now with reference to Mr Peter Math, fisherman, at Port Dalhousie, I fear I made application to you for his licences, for this current year, as far back as 27th of February last. and I recommended the same to be granted. I fear nothing on record, to show me I have received those licences yet, — Will you be pleased in granting them now to make the Rent licence for this year $4.- and the two Herring licences $4. for this current year. — Peter Math, was very ill, last winter, and I recommend him for your consideration, in the granting of his licences this current year, at the reduced rates. — And will you be pleased to send all the protection clauses in the above licences, and believe me, with much respect. —

I Have the Honor to be
Sir. —
Your Obedient Servant
J. H. W. Lee. — J. P.

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Private!

Memorandum, for S. D. Scott Esqre III
Fisheries department,
Ottawa.

I received back from you on yesterday being Bear Barnes letter, misdirected Ottawa, for which I thank you kindly. — I cant account for the mistake, except that colour — Mrs Barnes is fine will be 81 in a few months be also. — About the wine, it is called dry. — Temperance people say, and they are — from Scripture Look not on the wine when it is Red!! — Timothy wrote, use a little for my Stomachs sake, — The Angel I think it was, in speaking of St John the Baptist, said he should neither drink wine nor strong drink! — and the Holy Ghost should be with him. &c. Ah! but give a good Horn of that wine made by Our Lord and Saviour himself, from the water — at the Marriage in Cana of Galilee, he must said must all good wine.

There is still about 50.000 Gallons, of various Kinds of Wine, where I got that I sent you myself to taste occasionally, and drink a couple glasses of it. — I hardly ever touch it. — It is all Kept in Large Hogsheads and Pipes until drafted off into Kegs &c to be sent away. — It will keep better in the Keg; but when I sent it to you, for to drink. — as the Old Song says! —

Jolly mortals fill your glasses —
Nectar draughts are done by asses! —

For my own part, I believe the Bible this is a good thing, hence why I sent it. — However! last year when I was sick, the Doctor ordered me to drink Port Wine, and I did, and was by powerful medicine to cure me!. Adieu — yours very truly. — W. Kerr —

Hamilton, 1st, Oct 1892. —

S. B. Amuet Esqre
Dept. Ottawa.

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I had the Honble Samuel Wilmot up here on tuesday last, to talk over getting up fish for the Big London England show or Exhibition. He has written me, and I have answered his letter on the subject.

Under the direction of the department, I will do all I can to recommend to the Honor and Glory of the Fisheries. We have abundance of people engaged in fishing, and fishery officers - protecting and breeding, and curing and selling fish! - and as many hands make light work! - I cannot see why all could not be made step in and give a helping hand. - Such bad year as it is in my division of Lake Ontario, plenty of good White fish, and Salmon Trout, (good specimens) can be procured for stuffing &c. - only give me a Man or men to go on with the work. - The Board Mets. in Lake Erie, I can get 8 specimens to preserve and give us the best samples of all Kinds of fish. -

Smoked Cured, Sugar cured, White fish, Salmon Trout, Herring, & Catfish, Channel Cat, pike, pickerel walleyed &c. &c - would require to be sent here to be, fresh, in Refrigerators, packed in Ice, and one or two of our best hands could do the curing and Curing there. - In curing here, they could be also molded, when they arrive there. - Both the fish sent in the box, they will reach England, same as fresh Beef, &c. &c. &c. &c. &c. -

Yours. &c

John W. Skae. Jr. O. -

Hamilton. Ont.
10. August 1868.

Confidential.

My dear Ramsay. —

I am reluctantly compelled to write you and your brother, about your fishing licenses, for this current year. — The Fisheries department at Ottawa, are at me very roughly about this Money! Can't you send it to me now, as you have promised me you would. —

I have already got plenty of blame from the department, a account of your negligence in not paying up. — and I doubt not, the next thing, I will be ordered to seize all your Boats, and Round Nets! — Yours &c. —

John W. Kerr, —
Fy. Overseer,
Hamilton,
Ont.
10. August 1882.

J. W. Ramsay & Bro.
Nos: 40. P. Office
Bridgeway.

Memorandum! —

I sent The Great International Fisheries Exhibition - London, England Notices. - 1883, - as follows: - viz. -

Do. John S. Allen, Port Dover, -
" - Jos: Bale. - do, -
" - W. H. Alderson, do. -
" - David Moore. - do. -
" - Owen Bowers, - Port Royal.
" - Thomas Sleight, Niagara.
" - John Davis, Hamilton, -

Hamilton, Ont.
10. August 1882.

John W. Kerr
Fishery Overseer.

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My dear Wilson--

I am in receipt of your letter.. Mr Cotton should not interfere with you in respect to your duty by making enquiries which could regard you.- The facts were, I heard I told you before the last Election, that I knew you in connection with Mr Fleming. Being as you were his appointee at your power and Trust friend the Sheriff in getting the nomination.

I went - But I spoke to you and I spoke to you on the subject and I informed you of what you made with you and what you [illegible] acting for me [illegible] upon my

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recovering and remaining. you assured to vote for Mr Rankin, and I am perfectly satisfied in my mind that you have faithfully done so. But if Mr Robert Rankin is under difficulties on the subject, I can satisfy him and Mr Robert Cotton, that you acted in the manner desired at the recent Election. I took the best means I could to ascertain the fact, and I am perfectly satisfied you promised to vote and you must in Law done so. In view of this to Hamilton, and see why Robert Rankin and to Flamborough, and see why Hart and get them with the Mr Mc Donald upon you for you, and I will by [illegible] that my opposition was unreasonable for you.-- Believe me - With kind wishes

Your friend.
Dickson.

Hamilton, Ont.
11. August 1858.

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Hamilton, Ont.
14. August 1882.

My dear Sir.

I send you by Mail, this day, a licence, (free,) for you to fish in Lake Ontario, in front of Burlington, 300 yards of gill nets, for your own use only, and not for purposes of trade and commerce.

I hope you will be able for to catch all the fish you require for yourself and family. The place referred to is a little way down the Lake from your residence.

And with Kind wishes for your success. Believe me,

Yours truly.
H. Wilmot
Fishery Overseer.

Captain
Wm. Hunter
Light House Keeper,
Port Dalhousie.
Ont.

Private.

W. A. McCrae, Esq.
Fishery Overseer,
Dunnville, Ont.

My dear Sir.

I am in receipt of yours of the 11th instant, and I am glad to hear you are getting on all right.

Now as regards Mr. Henry Ross having a claim on me for $5. I am not so sure of his claim. However, if I do owe him, I will pay it with pleasure.

On that day early in this current year that I drove from Port Dover to Port Ryerse, I got Ross to turn me up in his Boat to Dunville; he asked me on that occasion to lend him a dollar, and I gave him three or four dollars for rowing me up: A few years ago, he got me up a Trap Net, I furnished the twine, and I got him twice for his own trouble, for which I paid on his account. I will want him to set

up another Keep net for me shortly and then I will square of accounts with him. — Ross does not appear to me to prosper of late years: — as regards his $5. additional, please allow it to stand; the same as you proposed about the addition, I recommended" — in your letter to the department, in other words.

I am glad to hear you are going to put a stop to the spearing with Light Dark. — I send you by [illegible] today, a public Notice, from the Honble the Minister, A. W. [illegible], Ottawa — in reference to The Great International Fisheries Exhibition, in London, England: in 1883, —

I am instructed to procure Specimens, should you at any time during next fall be able to get a good large Pike, or good large Muskinonge; please let me at once, by Telegraph! — as from this time forward, I shall commence to procure good, large, choice Specimens for skinning, stuffing and setting up. —

As a matter of course I will pay for all good large Specimens of fish, put up in a small box in Ice, at full length. — Next fall, you may be able to procure some for me through your Grand River licensed fishermen. —

However I come to Annan — if there is anything standing between Ross and myself, I can pay him off. — —

I am sorry to see by News papers, that our friend L. Mac. Cullen Esqre M.P. Newton — protested. — I sincerely hope he will confound their Politics! frustrate their Nefarious tricks; and coming out again once more, with flying colours! —

Remember me kindly to Allan! — and with my kind regards to you and yours! believe me — Sincerely, and

Faithfully Yours, —

Hamilton, Ont^o
14. August 1882.

J. [illegible] — F.G. —
H. and H. Divines. —

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Mr Peter Math.—
Fisherman.—
Port Dalhousie.—

My dear Peter.

I send you reduced licences for this current season! say 2 licences, at $4. each, $8.00 cts.— It appears I had already applied for your licences back as far as February last.— On 28. February last, it appears now, the department sent me your licences No. [illegible] at the rate of $10. and $5. respectively, same as last year. I got them now for you at reduced rates of $4. each.— As soon as convenient please send me $8, the money. I also send Mr. Daniel Hunter, a free licence for to fish 300 yards of fish net, in Lake Ontario in front of Ryle's point.— for his own use, and not for purposes of trade and commerce; act neighbourly with him; and with my own regards, believe me,— Yours truly.—

J.W. Kerr.— F.—

Hamilton, Ont.
14. August 1882.

My dear Paddy.—

I send you per Mail today, a Public Notice, signed A. W. Ogilvie, Minister of Marine and Fisheries. Ottawa, which will tell you all about the Great International Fisheries Exhibition, to be held in London, England, during year 1883.—

I will require some large choice specimens, and you will be paid for procuring them for the department.—

I will be down on Thursday, and talk you all about it.—

I want you to get for me a Basket of pumkins, have them on Thursday for me.—

Yours truly.

J.W. Kerr.—

F. Emmerson.

Hamilton, Ont.
15. August 1882.

Mr. Peter Heath.—
Baltimore.—
Dear Heilmann.—

My dear Peter.—

I have your favour &
cheque for this current season / one & thirty
& 4/4 cent. $18.00/100.— It appears I have
already applied for your January draft as
per my February draft.— Or 28th February draft.
it appears now; the department that we
open January 1st, 1883 at the rate of $ 1/2
cent $ respectively, down as last year.
I get them now for you at fourteen cents
& 4/4 cent.— We have no commercial phrase
book me $ 1/8 this almost. I have sent you
Almost Hunter, a free, hence by 1st April
proofs of his pilot in dark brown in fact
of Gaelic paint.— For his own use, sent not
for purposes of trade nor commerce; but
respectfully with him; sent until my own
requests, believe me,— Yours truly.—
Heilmann, Bolze & Co.—
14th August 1882.

My dear Bertz.—

I have your favour of
today & Bulle Pitch, Import & Alcohol
Ministry of Means and Business. Please
watch such tax you all about the Import
Internal Business Publishing. It be last
in Dresden, England, during year 1883.—
I make requires these large Means Import
means, and you will be paid for pre-
serving them for the Import.—
I make be alone on Monday.
and tell you all about it.—
I must go to get for me a
basket of pencils, three then on
Thursday by me.—

Yours truly.
Heilmann—

Heilmann, Bolze & Co.
15. August 1882.

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My dear Waddell,

On looking over the Assessment Roll, I find no person assessed on lots 5, in the 6th Con. and 5. in the 8th Concessions.- The Rennie property.- Two Rennies - D. M, and A. St, are left off.-

Yours faithfully.-
J. W. Kerr.-
Hamilton, Ont.,
23. August 1882.

R. R. Waddell Esq.
V. V. V.
Hamilton.-

I gave Mr. W. Murray Alderson, 2. pound Net Licenses granted to Frank Jackson, for to fish 4. Pounds in Lake Erie, during year 1881,- Amount paid $160.- and I gave him 2 pound net licenses granted to Frank Jackson for to fish 4 pounds in Lake Erie, during year 1882,- amount paid $160. June same here this 15. Sep: 1882.-

J. W. Kerr.-
Fishery Overseer.

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In 2 days more I will be 36. Years in Canada. — J.W.K.

Private!

Hamilton. Ont.
24. August 1882.

My dear Jem. —

I received your telegraph on yesterday Evening, and I drove down to Burlington Beach this morning, and I saw Henry Perkins at Daniel McGaynes, called him aside, delivered your Message, and offered him Money to take him to Niagara; or I would take him down there myself, as you had sent for him! and Fish Fishing was most splendid at Niagara; — In answer thereto, he did not hesitate one moment in telling me, he would not go!! —

At present, Henry and Sam: Corey are fishing Herring Gill nets, and catching Ciscos, for Dan: McGayne. The last haul, the day before yesterday, was 1.500. smoked, they sell for $1.25 ct. per 100. — I could not with all my might persuade Henry to go down to you. — It is within a week, the fishermen on B. Beach commenced in 60' feet depth of water, to catch Ciscos! — before that no fishing.

When driving up the Beach, I saw Mrs Perry at her House, she came over to the Buggy, occupied by my son Fred, and myself, she desired me to say, she and Leo, are well, and desired to be kindly remembered to you Mrs C. and her daughter. — It is very likely, I will come to Niagara, some day, in the early part of next week, — and with Kind regards, —

Yours Sincerely. —
J.W. Kerr. —

Mr Jas: Cantwell,
Fisherman.
Niagara

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To His Royal Highness.—
Queen.— of Port Royal.—
Greeting!—

My dear Sir.—

In the Name of God, and of his holy apostle St. John, what is the reason, that you have not sent me long before this! the license fee of my Christian Ransier, of Walsingham, for permission to fish a seine in Lake Erie!.— Let it be now distinctly understood! that on receipt of this note of mine, you go demand 5£. for license money. for this current year, and if he has been already fishing, I understand he has, take the seine into your custody, and retain it, until he pays up!!.—

We are all enjoying good health and sincerely hope you and yours are all enjoying the same blessing.

And with my warm regards to you Son and Ale. Mahonie me as usual ever sure,—

Yours Sincerely.—
Jas Kerr.—
Deputy Surveyor,
Hamilton.
26. August 1822.

Evan Bowers Esq.
Jr. Guardian.
Port Royal.
Canada.

To the Right Honble. —
Baron — of Fort Hugh —
Hunting: —

My dear Sir: —

I am the bearer of [illegible]
cost of this daily expenses &c
what is the reason, that you have
not sent me long before this! the
license for at all Stalin Deerstalking
& Shooting, for permission to visit
a Lion in Gir's Lair! — Get it to
me immediately whatever! that a
receipt of this note of mine, upon of
Amount £5. for license money for
this current year, and if he has
been already visiting, whatever
he has, take it from him into your
custody, and return it, until he
pays up!! —

We are all enjoying good health,
and sincerely hope you and yours
are all enjoying the same blessing.
Rest with my warm regards
to you. We are ever, Gentlemen
me as usual ever sincerely —
Yours sincerely, —
Signature. —
Acting Baron
Hamilton
Fort Hugh
Dated 25. August 1882.

Baron Hamilton
of Lynedoch,
Fort Hugh.
Scotland.

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Hamilton. Ont.
26. August 1862.

My dear Sir. —

Yours of 25th inst. is just received! I have no power to change a fishing license issued by the department. — I am however, if you wish me to do so, send your application to Ottawa, and the Fisheries department can grant your request if deemed advisable to do so! —

Now as regards the small shad being caught with a seine of a very small mesh; if you consider it an offence against the law, give me the names of the transgressors. — I will however relieve your mind of the impression on it! — those shad you allude to, have never been planted in the waters of Lake Ontario. — they are the most inferior class of that species of fish! and came of their own accord from the sea, up the St. Lawrence into Lake Ontario, about 20 years ago, when they were first observed or discovered. — No one of any reputation who knows, would have ever planted such fish in Lake Ontario. — I presume God in his wisdom, sent them for a purpose there; and as he does all things well, I have my opinion! why I am satisfied. — Small fish (small shad) I am: Wilson. P. of Fort H. Cockshill, merchant, Newcastle, compares to the Grasshopper plague of Egypt. — I am Dear Sir Your Obedient Servt
David Hunter Esq.re Light Keeper. H.M. Steam. — Toronto
Pt Dalhousie.

My dear Sir,—

Queen of Scots!

Is your treasure? Does no power
of change or fleeting chance tamper
with the steadfastness.— Some how,
how, if you visit me to do so,
send your application to Elton,
not the Victoria department so
your request it cannot be
misdirected to do so!—

When we regard the small edge
being sought with a sense of a real
small need: it may consider it,
as offence against the law, pro
vide the means of the transpor-
tation.— I write former notices
your visit of the subscription
it!— then about you address it,
them near them planted in the

Hamilton. Suffolk
26. August 1882.

matter of date Estonia.— they are
the most superior class of the species
of pigeons now on their own ac-
count from the sea, of the 4th class
have nothing date Estonia, about the
years ago, when they were first
observed or discovered.— the com-
mercial requisitions are those just
under these are plant and fit
in date Estonia.— I presume that in
his opinion, that they are simply
them; and as the case as things may
with I have real opinion! and I am
satisfied.— about just (made also)
them: William A. of Sp. 4th Battalion.
ment. Hussarth. compare to the fine-
proper plague of Egypt.— I am
Dear Sir (Your obedient humble
Servant.
Ed Salmon. &c

private!

S. P. Bunsat Esqre M.P.
Fisheries department. —
Ottawa. —

My dear Mr Bunsat. —

A short time ago, you made some remarks about free licences issued by the department, in the neighbourhood of Ottawa to persons for angling; and you enquired what I thought if the same plan was to be adopted in my division? — —

In reply, I may beg to let you know, that it would entail a great deal too much labor on your humble servant, without accruing any profits to the department. — Thousands of amateur fishermen, besides professionals, are at angling, night, noon and morning. — and it was a long time before such people were made to understand that no angling nor trolling shall be carried on, on Sunday whatever! —

Why it was only on last sunday morning I met young Haire, about 5.30. a.m. near Haires point, Lake Erie, township of Humberstone, with a 6 lb. chanel Cat, Cat fish. he was after catching! well I gave him a piece of my mind; and I dont think he will ever again repeat the offence. His father is Daniel Haire Esqre M.P.P. for Welland, a justice of the Peace, &c. — I attach one article of the many I cut out of Hamilton Times — of last saturday, it will show you how numerous pike are in B. bay, — Johnston, and about ten others, sell all the pike and Bass they catch. —

Believe me with much respect. —

Yours Obediently, —
J. W. Kerr — J. P.
Hamilton, Ont^o.
29. August 1882. —

Printed!!

Memorandum! for S. P. Bunset Esqre
Fisheries department,
Ottawa.——

In answer to your enquiries! "Do you happen to know any thing about this man; or what is he after?"—

In reply, I have to inform you, that I know John St. Young, who is an Architect; resident at No: 91, York street, (south.) in the City of Hamilton.— A Gentleman, Mr Richard Brierly, from whom I made enquiries about him, told me, he is a worthless fellow.— I called at Mr Youngs address, and I saw him there this morning;— and I asked him his object in writing the letter now returned back to you! his reply was, that he had already applied to the department of Canals; and had got a Patent for a small piece of the Canal Reserve next to Mr James McKeands, holding; which is on the south side of the Burlington Canal on Burlington Beach; for a Mr Lilliss, of Hamilton, to build a summer residence on.— And as other people might be also applying to him, he wrote for printed forms of application, so as to have them on hand.— This Mr John St. Young told me is the only object he has in view.—

There is no more land now, I believe vacant, belonging to the Canal Reserve, on the south side, to be disposed of.— And we have nothing but the Fishery Reserve of One chain, on Burlington Bay, and one chain on Lake Ontario; and which is on both sides of Burlington Beach.—

Hamilton, Ont. Yours Respectfully.——
30. August 1882.— J. W. Kerr.— J. Carruer.—

Private!

My dear Sir.

Your letter intimating to me that you would send me some Wheat on last Friday a week ago! as I have already written you caine duly to hand! but no wheat has arrived up to the present date.- If you have sent it, will you be pleased to ascertain from Captain Foster, how he has disposed of it.- How are your wild Geese getting on; How many young ones have you bred this year?- We have bred 36 ducks this year! I have a pair for you!. No fishing News at present.- I was away down at Port Colburne and Ridgeway. Lake Erie. on last Sunday. about 5.30. a.m. I found young Haire, son of Dan: Haire Esqre M.P.P. for County of Welland: fishing for Catfish!!. so much for a M.P.P. a Magistrate and Township Clerks Son!.- ground

My Boys have the Fall Wheat, ready, and in good trim! I am glad to hear from you that you have got such a beautiful Harvest.- We have had an abundance of rain, here all through the summer! On last night a good shower, it came from your direction! from appearances on yesterday Evening you must have had the first and best part of it.- We are all in good health!. And I do sincerely hope and trust you and family are all enjoying the same blessing.- Believe me as ever.- Yours Sincerely & Fraternally.-

Owen Bowes Esqre
S. F. Guardian.-
Port Royal.

J. W. Kerr.- P.O.-
Hamilton 4. Sept: 1882.

Memo!

Memorandum for A. P. Caron Esqre
Fisheries Department.
Ottawa.

Sir,

I have the honor to return to you a license issued by the Department on the 10th April 1868, to Wm. Ward, a fisherman; Toronto Island.—

The old homestead of the late David Ward, deceased, and the land about, having so reduced in size, by storms, William Ward, his son, was obliged to leave the said property, for to build a residence; and keep his Net and fishing boats and tackle there; for fishing accommodation and convenience.—

Mrs Ward, Old Davids, Widow; since his death has left Toronto Island, and now lives with her son Mr Daniel Ward in the City of Toronto.—

As appears by plan of a portion of Toronto Island, herewith: Lots Nos: 41, 42, and 43,—on the Bay side of the Island, at the Gap, containing 3 7/100 acres, is now the property of Mr William Ward, a licensed fisherman, and he also occupies lot No: 44, containing 1 42/100 acres, and on which he has an Ice House, and a Boat House, containing the Government Life Boat.— Lot No: 44, is a submerged lot.—

All the land and lots, from the Road allowance between lots 24, and 25, on one side, and from 25, on the other side have been carried away, from 25, down to lot 16,— Storms prevalent during part of this present year, done much damage.— Here also has left the lots from 26 to 34, on the Lake Ontario side of the Island, near the Gap, was also carried off.— On lot No: 40,— is situated the Union Bathing House, and in front of lots 40, 39, and 38,— in Bremner Bay, bathing is carried on; and in rear of Lots 40, 39, and 38, in the waters of Lake Ontario; bathing

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Lake in Lake Ontario at the Gap, Toronto Bay, Lake Ontario, Lake Ontario, Lake Ontario

Copy.—

Niagara Falls.—
7. Sept: 1882.—

My dear Mr. Kerr.—

I understand that the letting of the Fishing Grounds, in the Municipality of Fort Erie, is to take place soon, be good enough to let me know at your earliest convenience when it will be, as I wish to make some suggestions and recommendations that might prove beneficial to the department. &c. &c.—

And oblige Your friend,—
John Ferguson—

Private.

My dear Mr. Bowell.

I received the copy of letter herewith this day from Dr. John Ferguson, elected M.P.— for the County of Welland, at the recent Dominion Election; as a supporter of present Government.— I understand some of the Fishermen at Fort Erie, did not vote for him.— As you may observe by his letter to me "from a long acquaintance" he has become an old friend.— He has been a Contractor on the New Welland Canal now completed, and is I believe still employing some work on the old Welland Canal!!. "If in his place, I should hunt no man because he did not vote for me"!!.

I send copy of letter for your information.

And with much respect I am

Hamilton, Ont. Yours Obediently,
9. Sep: 1882. H. Kerr. J.O.

P.S. Welland is the Whitehall of Dominion, and obliging.— H. Kerr J.O.

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Immediate / Urgent.

My dear Ramsey. -

I expected you over here during the past week for to settle up, but I am doomed to disappointment again!. I was very much surprised when I heard from young ——, that he had paid you 2 years licence Money "for one pound" — in advance; at the same time you have not paid over to me for the Fisheries department, one solitary cent!. When I heard this startling information, I was pafectly surprised, because I have got none of that 2 years licence at all. — What do you propose doing now! Has Mr William Alexander Clarke of Bolling=wood, fisherman and you come to any arrangement, and what is it. — Now that your pounds are all taken out, I dont suppose you intend fishing any more until you make a final settlement of all arrears of licences, which must be paid before any pound Net fishing is begun by you again! or by any person in your employment. —

And with Kind regards, ——

Yours truly, ——

J.W. Kerr — Inspector

Hamilton, Ont.

11. Sep: 1882.

J. W. Ramsey Esqre
Ridgeway, Ont.
Fortis P. office,

W. M. Alderson,
Port Dover. — Will be at Stone all this day. —

J. W. Kerr. —
Inspector.

Hamilton, Ont.
"
11. Sep: 1882.
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My dear Mr Elliot,

I got home all right, and I handed over Percy to his Mother who was at the G. R. Railway station of the Grand Trunk, here - waiting to receive her. — I then started for home with one of my own girls Louisa who came down with Horse and Buggy for me. We finished threshing about 10. A.m. on saturday morning. —

We have 477. Bushels of Wheat, 326. Bushels of Barley, — and 165. B. of Oats, besides good potatoes, Corn, Mangles, Turnips, Squashes, your Seed, and the prettiest Pencil Orchard you ever beheld, and if every thing goes well, an abundant crop of peaches next year. —

David Hotal, Burlington Beach, is desirous if Renewing if he could get for 12 Barrels of Bartlett Pears, at Niagara or at Youngstown, if he came down. — Will you please find out + let me know for his information and oblige me by so doing — please tell Mrs Cantwell and Big Jim that I delivered their charge safe and sound to Her Mother — Her fare all through was only $1.- Her bed dinner in Murray Street for both 50 ct. and a Cab to the R.R. station for both 30 ct. my fare for stage to G. R. Railway station 75 ct. It does not take so much after all for to travel to and from Niagara to Hamilton. — We have nice cool weather up here to day. a great variety of fruit We are all well. — Remember me kindly to Uncle John Uncle Jamie, Mrs Gow Mrs Elliot and the Girls — not forgetting Big Jim and Mrs Cantwell. — I was in Toronto Island at the Fair on last Thursday, and believe me, I was heartily glad to get home. —

Hamilton, Ont.
11. Sept: 1882.

Mr William Ward.—
Toronto Island,
Toronto.

My dear Sir,—

I made application for the Seine hauling ground in Toronto Bay, in front of Lots 41. 42. and 43.— your property at the Gap, on Toronto Island; and I sent to the department your plan of the same, and the old license; which I recommended was to be cancelled, and a New License bearing same date was to be at once issued at an increased price of £10.— same as the late Pat: Gray ask £15 for the Block House!.— I explained everything. This is the way in which I put it; "Lake Ontario, at the Bend, Toronto Bay; and "in Lake Ontario at the Gap, and between the "Gap, and the mouth of the New Outlet, viz. "in the Bay, in front of Road allowances, "and Lots 41, 42, 43, and 44, as per plan, and "to extend into the waters of Toronto Bay, "from the waters edge of same, for a distance "of 300 yards.— For Seine fishing: with a Seine "250. yards long." (1)

In reply to all this! I received the enclosed license for you on yesterday morning, on my return home from Toronto, for I may tell you I was in the Big Crowd, in Shaftsbury Hall; and I heard the Great Man of Canada address the Great audience, I also received a letter dated 12th inst. which is still more satisfactory, than the Licence is, it reads thus!.—

Sir.— In compliance with your recommendations as conveyed in your memorandum of 9th inst. I am to enclose herewith a new license in the name of William Ward, for you to countersign and deliver on payment of the stipulated fee".— Thus you have got all you required, as you and I agreed, I should recommend you for!. You can send me the additional 10/- by mail. You will perceive on first page of this letter, what I recommended to be licensed to you, and reply and license, proves it was granted. and with Kind regards— Yours. Vy. Jly Fisher.— Hamilton. 14. Sep: 1882.— (2) Fisher

Dear Sir.—

I make application for the
three building spaces in Lincoln Court at the
rear of No. 42. and 43.— upon property at the Corner of
Lincoln Avenue; and I rent to the occupant-
ment upon plan of the house, once the
other house; until I recommence once
it to be convalescent, once a three stories dwel-
ling house each once to be set once distance
at an increased price of £ 10.— house as
the late Act: Yard, closing privies for the
Model House :.— I explained everything.

This is the way in which I put it: "Make Entrance at the House. Lincoln Road, once
"in Cable Entrance at the Yard, once between the
"shop once the mouth of the yellow Built. once
"in the Roof in front of Front allowance,
"once Cable #1, #2, #3, once #4, as per plan, once
"to extend into the centre of Lincoln Road:
"from the centre edge of house, for a distance
"of 350 yards.— for house finishing: with a house
"350 yards long.:—

(1)

Mr. Gibbins Wear.—
Lincoln Avenue.
Lincoln.

I make application for the
three building spaces in Lincoln, in front of the
#1. #2. and #3.— upon property at the Yard, on
Lincoln Avenue; and I rent to the occupant-
ment upon plan of the house, once the
other house; until I recommence once
it to be convalescent, once a three storey

Hamilton. Ont.
15. September 1882.—

My dear Mr. Ferguson,

I am in receipt of your favour of the 7th instant, wishing to know when the Fishing grounds in the Municipality of Port Erie, is to take place again under licence from the department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.—

In reply, I have the Honor to state for your information that all licences expire here, on the 31st of December next, so that in the mean time, when most convenient any suggestions, and recommendations made by you will be duly considered and carried out, if possible.— And with due respect.

I am, Your's respectfy.
John W. Kerr.—
Fishery Overseer.—

John Ferguson Esqre
M.P. P. Va. Va. Va.
Niagara Falls.—

Fishery Overseers office..
Hamilton, 18. September 1882.-

Sir.

I Have the Honor to send you Bank draft, No: 470, for the sum of Ten dollars.---

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as an additional balance in full, for Seine Hauling licence granted by the department of Marine and Fisheries, to Mr William Ward, of Toronto Island, for to fish a Seine 250, yards long, in Lake Ontario, at the Bend at the Gap, and in Toronto Bay, in front of Lots Nos 41.42.43. his property, and 44, and the Road allowance adjacent thereto, and situated within the City limits of Toronto, and as contained and set forth in a Memorandum, dated 9. September instant.- The Licence has been already issued and delivered by me; and duly delivered as instructed to do.----

And with due respect.

I Have the Honor to be,

Sir.-

Your Obedient Servant,

John W Kerr.-

Fishery Overseer.

To,

The Hon the

The Minister of

Marine and Fisheries.-

Ottawa.-

Memorandum. - for S. P. Bauschka Esq re
Fisheries department, —
Ottawa. - -

In reply to yours, I may say that I did misunderstand your first Memorandum; as I considered in my stupidity you alluded to Rod and line, and trolling. - But now that I understand what your meant; I will speak to you freely. - It would not do for to permit people for to fish Hooks and lines "but lines". - for Sturgeon, same as was carried on last Winter and spring at Niagara under Licence, when upwards of 450 Barrels of dressed sturgeon weighing 180 pounds each Barrel, was caught - & sold at Buffalo & Black Rock, at 5c. per pound dressed. Besides what of the Best, were shipped by Express every evening to the Licensed fishermen - for as you are already aware per 25. - - Licence for each Boat. - These American people who do the fishing, are residents of Youngstown, in New York State, opposite the Town of Niagara, and they are at present fishing Net fishing - American Waters, and when the time comes, they will commence and haul and set line again for Sturgeon; but it will be all next time in American waters. - However a charge should be made for the Bait caught at Fort Erie. - The Express Company, charge 25. for a small basket of bait for to carry the same from Buffalo to Niagara. -

Now it has to be observed, that our Licensed fishermen at Niagara, do a large amount of fish Net fishing in American Waters, and they caught a large quantity of Sturgeon there, in Lake Erie, last spring; And one of our men, Robert Taylor, a fisherman - has moved from Niagara to Youngstown, and I understand he fishes now on Sundays, same as American Citizen

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Salmon to any Extent. — Americans now
fish in Gorgeton, U.S. now fish in our
Canadian waters; whilst our Licensed fishermen
do frequently fish in American waters. —

In taking these matters over, I may repeat again
to you, this List of things has been carried on ever
since my appointment, now nearly 18 years. —

Lt. — ral for Niagara! — But as I apprehend
almost all, if not all the Fish and Fishing
will be carried on henceforth by our fishermen in
American waters. It is — Not of course no Licence
will be required, only an arrangement for to take
Fish, in the Niagara River, at Fort Erie. —

Fort Erie. —

The Hook and Set Line, fishermen, at Fort
Erie, about 12. in number, likewise do most of
their fishing in American Waters, and they sell all
their fish in Buffalo. They catch their bait chiefly
on our side of the Niagara River, at Fort Erie, and
I do not consider it would be unreasonable, if
each Boat at Fort Erie, who fishes set lines
— Hooks, in Lake Erie, for Perkerel, &c, —
made to pay about $4. or $5. a year. If
— I know the — the Fishermen on your
Lands, and for your — Lake and Shore fishing
right — Canadian. — It may be to some such
thing as this, that the Niagara will, for the future
be — to, — I would like to — about the Fish
Licences at Fort Erie, when I am there again. —

When a Thing — no money is made by —
fishing at certain seasons of the year; and —
should pay; — we — taking into consideration, the
amount of fish — our fishermen, each year, —
American Waters, perhaps, you — Fishermen

right — giving some people a license, and
such beds!! —

In instance, Jackson, who pays a license fee
for a seine hauling ground, or a Boat license,
for fishing for Cod!!. Should I see a fine li-
cense, for 2 or 3 Boats — I see for Cod as it
sometimes happens, he sells on the same ground
he has already paid a license fee for, in all
such cases, I am heart and hand with you! —
such for instance as Turks point fishermen; —
who pay a reasonable sum for license for their
seine hauling ground!. — & — the fishermen
or a disabled fisherman; could in my humble
way be spared — this case, all worthy persons
for your consideration. . . .

I suppose I will be right, in my suspicions,
that your people by having the privilege you refer
to, have come in contact with licensed fishermen,

Whilst take for instance, those people in the
neighborhood of Turks point & Williams,
Port Roman, Port Royal. Houghton, Walsingham
and Charlottenia, who pay 50 ℔. for yielding 100.
Books. for Sturgeon and Shark &c; Cod Fish; &c.
must be a man, they are many of means, some
of them wealthy, Cod farmers, &c. &c. —

I do not consider it would be right for such
men to have a free license, unless the Magistrate
thought fit for that was the duty supposed. —
There are so many licenses fishermen, fishing on
the Banks, who pay good licenses annually, for
Cod, and seine fishing; that if you were to issue free
licenses, for Books and Cod lines to those people in a
stead of charging 50 ℔. for every 100. Books they yield
each; it would play the very devil with [illegible]! —

by giving said Round Mt. and Lava Mt
gelands, an opportunity to urge their claims upon
by us so much given at all times, as representing
to the department, as to many grievances, & incon-
giency grievances to complain of. — To give a
free license to Chas. M. Crook, Frank Nelson Hoy-
& fish Hooks and bait lines, with the latter, and to
right do some good, they having Lava landing licenses
already. — But to permit many Ore now fishing in
Tule Lake, under licenses, set lines and hooks! and
permit them to sell the fish at #10. — Nonsense, as a
matter I cannot recommend a change to be
made. — Of course I am coming with you
who are just as familiar with the Klam people
as I am. — All present things are going on, in
the Klamath division of Tule Lake, very quietly
and I do not of course you, it is most advis-
able and prudent to allow things to re-
main as they are, except so far as I have
referred you to some few cases. —

And with profound respect. —

Yours truly
Jno. Gearhart. —
Indian Agent.

Klamath Agency.
12. Sep: 1882.

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Private.

My dear Elliot,

I am in receipt of your letter; say not a word to Jack Bolton, about the fence, wait for coming events, for the trembling of the waters, or until the fence is put up, on the Road, in contemplation of Race, between Big Jem, and Jack Bolton, as to the Race over your Lots Looking fence, I do not consider, Bolton can do any act to debar or obstruct your Lots looking on, and in a finkery, and filling ground occupied by your fence such a length of time and I am so very sorry, that the fence recently put up by Bolton, on Bulls street, at the upper end of his Lot, injures Bell, Masters and Boy.- I suppose it will be an obstruction to your running.-

If you wish, Tom Masters, and Bell, and Big Jem &c I will meet you any morning at 10, 15, a.m, at St Catherines, where we can consult J. B. Rykert Esq[re] Q.C., M.P., and be guided by whatever he may advise. And it is just as well that you should be prepared before hand.-

I send you result of Books &c. Pray, so dont be discouraged.- You have I believe right on your side still, so you must never surrender, remember now what my advice to you is!.-

I was in Toronto, at the Big Liberal Conservative Meeting, as a delegate from Niagara, appointed as such.- We are all well, and with Kind regards to Mrs Elliot, and the girls, believe me as usual:- Yours Sincerely.

Dr Kerr,- D.D.-
Hamilton, Ont[o]
12, Sept. 1862.-

Thomas Elliot Esq[re]
Niagara.-

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Now as regards that small piece of ground, = Jiskey between Ray Jon, and Albert Davy, — You will please tell Mr. John Rayner, it will not be let out! that ends the matter and all applications appertaining thereto! — the fishermen say, and I agree with them that places should be always kept apart in our Lakes and Rivers, where no fishing of any Kind whatever should be permitted! and if you expect good fishing during next month, and thereafter, it is about time for you, to look after your own grounds! and tell Ray Jon and Davy, — to do the same thing!. H. Wickham. Esq.

Private

My dear Mr Bennet,

I received
license in due time for Mr William
Ward of Toronto Island, and I have
delivered same. — Today I send you
by Express of license for #10. to apply on
the same. — Ward is not altogether sat-
isfied, because the license does not
specify in front of his lots Nos 41. 42.
43. and 44. — and the Board allowances,
he has gone to a good deal of Expense
in planting his lots with trees, willows
poplars, &c, so as to beautify the
place, make it a favorite resort, the
same as Hanlan's point, &c.

It is also reported, that the City
of Toronto, has got from the Dept
Department, Ottawa, all the Rest
of Island, fronting the Bay, or
Island Toronto. — I explained

matters, and gave Ward, a copy of
your letter which accompanied the
license. — Except the Rink Stand, no other
Buildings will, I presume be put up on
the Park, now chiefly occupied by the
Ward, in connection with the Fisheries.
Every spot of ground available on
Toronto Island, is being built upon.

The Jetty at the Bend, is spoiled
by the Corporation of Toronto, and the
Government dumping down loads of mud,
Stones, and earth, dredged from the Har-
bour close. — Excuse me for troubling
you so much. — Where is my friend
Mr Whitcher, dreadful hot weather,
and it is as puzzling, as it was 21 years
ago, when I came first to the Country.
Believe me, Yours very Respectfully

J. W. Stewart P.O.
Hamilton
18. Sept: 1882.

S. B. Bennet Esq
&c. &c. &c.
Ottawa.

Memorandum

Agreement

between the firm of Messrs. Hamilton Bland, of Church Lane, East & Co. Limited, Engineers of Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C. and Messrs. Hamilton Bland, Jr. & Co. Limited, Engineers of Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C.

Messrs. Hamilton Bland, Jr. & Co. Limited, agree to purchase from Messrs. Hamilton Bland & Co. Limited, the whole of the plant, machinery, tools, patterns, drawings, stock in trade, and goodwill of the business carried on by them at Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C. under the style of Hamilton Bland & Co. Limited, for the sum of £12,000 payable as follows:- £4,000 on the execution of these presents, £4,000 on the 1st day of January 1893, and £4,000 on the 1st day of January 1894, with interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum on the unpaid balance from time to time.

Messrs. Hamilton Bland & Co. Limited, agree to sell and transfer to Messrs. Hamilton Bland, Jr. & Co. Limited, the whole of the plant, machinery, tools, patterns, drawings, stock in trade, and goodwill of the business carried on by them at Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C. under the style of Hamilton Bland & Co. Limited, for the sum of £12,000 payable as follows:- £4,000 on the execution of these presents, £4,000 on the 1st day of January 1893, and £4,000 on the 1st day of January 1894, with interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum on the unpaid balance from time to time.

Messrs. Hamilton Bland & Co. Limited, agree that they will not carry on the business of Engineers, either on their own account or as agents for any other person, firm or company, within a radius of 30 miles from Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C. for the period of seven years from the date hereof.

As witness our hands the day and year first above written.

Hamilton Bland & Co.

Hamilton Bland, Jr. & Co.

Wm. Bowman, Esqre
P. Guardian, —
Port Royal, —
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Dear Sir, —

I received your two days of flowers Wheat on the morning of the 13th instant, and it was sown on yesterday on well prepared ground. — Our reading will be finished on two days more we will then have sown about 21, acres in this field. — —

We have had most splendid rain here all this afternoon, it was — very much here, but I fear it was less for more some places else; than it was here, it is however a grand thing for farmers and farming community about these busy unit, stations. I have working to do in getting them out! Pte^r A. Mabel, has to attend to every thing as regards legal filing and sundry legal jobbing for busy people. —

You never sent me the dimensions of the other Racks, you required; or

Picnic!
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I would have sent you one a long time ago — about the ducks, they are the large breed, called Rouen ducks! — about that Sale taking place, near St. Williams. Some Day — "Thursday ground" — that will be all right. —

I heard recently, that Doctor J.H. Stewart of Port Dover, was thrown from a waggon recently, and had his leg broke. — If you come to Hamilton Fair, you can better come and stop with us! —

As soon as the weather cools down, early in October, you may expect me up; I will write you before then, and I will get better Book, Ducks, and some reports along! I have a good deal to say to you! whenever I come! — —

And with my kind regards to you, and yours — Believe me, — Hamilton, Ont^o. Yours Sincerely, —
20. Sep: 1882. W. Stan. — Esqre —
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Dear Sir,

I receive yours the day of Dinner date in the morning of the 13th instant, and it was there as yesterday or week previous appointment. - Our reading will be finished on the time we will the time there [illegible] after 21, Drive in this fall. -

We have [illegible] most applauded time for all the afternoon, it was a very dear time, but I am it will be more time place else; then it was here; it is however a great thing for persons our young community, about this day most attentive I have nothing to do in getting them out! We'll, I hope to attend to every thing as regards legal matters and [illegible] legal matters, &c. &c. -

We must [illegible] the dimensions of the letter, you request; or

I remain Dear Sir
Yours truly
[illegible]

Jamestown, July 20. 1855.

I receive here but yesterday one week after date. Say one hundred dollars. Say one hundred dollars that have [illegible] against me [illegible]. Dear Sir - Gloucester County" - that will be all by it. -

I have recently that [illegible] time of [illegible] of [illegible] there you a [illegible] regard to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Copy.

Niagara, 16. September 1814.

J. S. Esq. — F.C.

Dear Sir — I have to inform you that John Walton, has put up the lower fence from A. Cantwell's corner into the water which shuts up the street also. —

You might now negotiate the agreement that the army along the bank is now shown, which has been done by the department for fifty years, and has been used for a public way for the fifty years. —

If the Government have no right to make Walton remove the obstruction, I want the department to give an order to G. Walton to remove a fence erected by him, or by G. Walton and J. Walton, jointly. I understand it was G. Walton who bought it from the G. Works. — It stands partly on our land if we have to have it down where it stands; either then it is required, or else him for either for you for the privilege of allowing it to remain on the ground, it can be passed with your convenience, possibly it will be better to have it removed. — I spoke to the Chief about the fence, he said it would have to be removed and taken down; and to write to you about it. — I asked him to write about it, if he writes, it will be to the effect of removing and taking down. — I remain, Yours truly.

Maj: Genl.

Riddle

[illegible]

Sir

[illegible]

I am [illegible] your
obedient servant, as I am always ready to give
every [illegible] 1832, and to [illegible] I am
pleased from the Rev. [illegible] the Rev. &
[illegible] in favour, who [illegible] the Rev.
Rev. [illegible] the [illegible] for [illegible]
the said [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by the Court
[illegible] [illegible] upon such [illegible] as
[illegible] I am, Sir [illegible] your [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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You can send this letter to Big Jon's —

Hamilton, Ont.
21. Sept: 1882.

My dear Elliot

Yours of 18th inst. was duly received: and that part of it referring to Indian Agitating your fishing grounds by building fences to the water ways. I have replied and sent to Ottawa: The Minister of Marine and Fisheries &c. on yesterday. 20. instant. —

I referred in my report to my previous reports, dated 16. March 1882 and to your former letter, giving the particulars, and a copy having been sent to Ottawa per mail in January last for the said Indian fishing ground No: 3. on Big Island in the Bay of Quinte. —

and I remember that the Minister Hon. Mr. John Bell was in his room a conversation was held and

Fishermen! and I said in conclusion please instruct me what I am to do in the premises. - finally - I wrote! My report, dated 16. March 1882, and the Elliot's letter attached will give you all particulars. -

I have today, overhauled my letter Book again! and I find that on 29. of March. I reported again, referred to my previous report of 16. March. Ult, and I forwarded the Metal, you sent me which gave all the particulars to enlighten department. —

I will write department again today, and I will recommend in case Rolling entrance to give further enquiry, that he have to benefit another chance. —

Hoping, to [illegible] hear from you shortly I remain Yours truly —

Thomas I would wait on —!

Hamilton, Ont.
21. September 1882.

Memorandum - for the D. O. Remark,
Dikes department,
Ottawa. - -

In my official report of yesterdays date, in case of Elliot Bay, vs. John Bolton, of the Queen of Glengarry! - I am putting up two pieces of this Evidence, marked No: 1 & 2 in the Book of Glengarry, by checking and debiting and filing them! I wish to refer you to my report and a abstract of the pleadings and filing, and the requirements, dated 19. of March 1882. - please read this also with your memorandum for the plaintiff in this case. - And I do really think, that a man like Bolton cannot be given to much encouragement, he should in this, his business of Gaoler will not be honored. -

Yours respectfully,
J. O'Brien - D. O.

Hamilton, Ont. - 21. Sept: 1882. - Mr. Rose to Remark most pressing. J. O'B.

My dear Mr. Rose -

I have inquired and been making enquiries where to obtain a person who, under your own immediate supervision could be able to do the staff work and set up some simple gabion specimens for you to take to England, to the Great Show.

I have seen Mr. Mercer, Lieutenant resident, at present on Long Point, Post Roman, Post-office, Ontario.

Mr. Mercer, with whom I have communicated to see you, he will do all in his power to aid and assist you, and he will go over and stop at Newcastle, if you think he could render you any service, he may be able under your own great skill and friendly accomplish or assist in what you want. - Yours truly, -
Jas. O'Brien - D. O.
Newcastle

My dear Clarissa.

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you like me you have another to wrap
and you about to do, the jolly dickens. —
It is awfully coy & inquisitive, the
place is to be ruling with such wise
suffering people. — Almost jolly like of
you friends this year & long part by
Island for others / with — perhaps a
— many that — you writing, & Pat
— that you have spoke to [illegible] since
time for this year. I am very glad
to have you. Such is a well
place and religion, I am very glad
to know that you always do that kind
— really with, I pray you may
— to this very much. —
But in evidence I think you always
will have success; and may God
pity and help that you and
yours. Believe me as always,
Your loving
Father, &c.

S.

the idea to exchange his cap as Lyle have
if you approve of. — It is also fine!.

The Inspector of Lights has just
been here and inspected the gear,
and that the light will be soon put
in operation.

We have had splendid rain the
last 3 days, have got in 12 inches of
pure water for our tanks. —
Our two Samoan Lads have shown
I shall be very glad to see you
when you have on your way to
Sydney, but on your way back
to you.

I beg your kind and thanks to
you for the addition to my library and
Bible. I am by same mail very
comfortable but very quiet. — I have
nothing to complain of. — And I hope
you & wife have to by and this
in, we beg to [illegible] for [illegible]

My dear Mr Wicks

I have received your favour of the 8th instant, this day week in the hour of the King. I am sorry to hear that you have been unwell, but I hope you will be quite well before this reaches you. I am glad to hear that you are to be in your way to Bury St Edmunds on the 4th of October. I hope that you will be quite well by the time you arrive, please kindly remember me to them.

I have the honor to be Sir your faithful Servant Thomas Jones. at Mr Wicks. opposite the opposite Light House Keeper there to be recommended by Robert Rankin Esq. M.P. I forwarded the same to the Commissioners.

Mr Rankin wrote to me to say that he would be pleased to get a few lines. He is very much [illegible]

to write to inform me if any more Lights have been erected on the Coast, and if so, when they will be in operation.

We have had splendid weather for the last week, have got in nearly all our Harvest. I am glad to hear that you have had a good Harvest. I shall be very glad to see you when you have an opportunity to [illegible]

I enjoy good health, and thanks to you for the addition to my family. I am by same made more comfortable by my wife. I have nothing to complain of. I am happy to hear that you have to say the same, as long as I am spared to [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Queen's Avenue, [illegible]
[illegible] Hamilton, Ont.
[illegible] 1902.

[illegible]

[illegible] Queen's Avenue, [illegible]
[illegible] Hamilton, Ont.
[illegible] 1902.

My dear Mr. Bond.

I am this upon of
recommended Tenancy Lessee, Mr. Grant
an application to the Fisheries depart
ment to lease the Islands of Wilson, or
Sidney Smith, at the mouth of
the Credit Light Keeper has of a
New light just completed at the
mouth of River Credit. I, Colonel
Mr Robert Barker, M.P. for the
County, also recommended him.
But as he has been to my own certain
knowledge and belief many
a Months Resident, a man of
supposed to be John Mc Donald
Esquire, by writing for the Fisheries
Mr. for Station & Office, for Mr.
for my Brother in Mill, the name of
Grant, and that he was in the
Service of my

Grant will be quietly settled by your writing
immediately to Mr. Mc Donald, My application
to you for the appointment, he is
the right Light Keeper, now at the
station, with only 4 Children
I have known Grant
for years past known in My Family.
Grant the year must fly
Telegraph - please direct to
Colony Secretary, on receipt of
this, write to Grant from you
with speed

Yours &c.
Jno. Mc Donald
Hamilton, Ont.
21. Sep: 1858.

J. M. Bond Esq.
M.P.
Niagara.

Fishery Overseers Office.-
Hamilton, 25. September 1882.-

Sir,-

I have the honour to apply to you for Boat Licences for the undermentioned fishermen to permit them to fish in the waters of Lake Ontario in front of the Townships of Saltfleet, and Nelson, and I recommend that the same may be granted, at your convenience; that is to say, as follows:- For year 1882.-

1. Matthew Berry. Fisherman. Burlington Beach, For a Boat Licence to fish 1000. yards of Herring and Trout gill Nets off Burlington Beach, in front of the Township of Saltfleet, amount is to be.- $ 5.00.

2. Jonathan Berry Boy.- do. do. do. 5.00.

3. Duncan McGillivray. Fisherman. Burlington Beach. For a Boat Licence to fish 300. yards of Herring gill nets in front of Lots Nos 4. 5. and 6. vacant lots. on Burlington Beach. Vacant Lots 22 township of Saltfleet. He is a poor Fisherman, he is poor, with a large family.-

4. Denis Tisk. Burlington Beach. For a Boat Licence to fish 1400. yards of Herring and Trout gill Nets, in Lake Ontario, in front of the township of Saltfleet, the amount is to be... $ 5.00/-

5. Alexander Rolls, Burlington Beach.- For a Boat Licence to fish 1000. yards of Herring and Trout gill Nets, in Lake Ontario, in front of the township of Saltfleet, amount is to be... $ 5.00/-

6. Charles Tuffs. Burlington Beach. For a Boat Licence, to fish 600. yards of Herring gill Nets, in front of the township of Saltfleet in Lake Ontario; amount is to be... $ 5.00/-

7. Richard Tuffs, do, do 600. Yards. - do. do. " 5.00.-

The Hon. the
The Minister of
Marine and Fisheries,
Ottawa. - - -

8. Mrs Anna Shorbenelle, Burlington Beach,— For a Boat Licence to fish 2,000 yards of Nuring and Seine gill Nets in Lake Ontario and in Lot No: 10, which is in front of the Township of Saltfleet, amount to be 5.00.— pd

9. Daniel McFayden and John Hoyle, Burlington Beach;— For a Boat licence to fish 2,000 yards of Nuring and Seine gill Nets in Lake Ontario and in front of Lots Nos 17, 18, and 19, and in front of Lot No: 23,— north of Burlington Canal.— Lots, 17, 18, and 19,— is in the Township of Saltfleet,— and No: 23, is in the Township of Nelson, and commences at the North side of the Old Outlet,— amount is to be 5.00. pd
"Can B. Beach";— 10.00.

10. F. H. Corey, and Robert Webster, Burlington Beach. For a Boat Licence to fish 1000 yards of Nuring and Seine gill Nets, in Lake Ontario, and in front of Lots Nos 13, 14, 15 and 16,— "Can B. Beach" amount,— 5.00. pd

11. Thomas Joyce Brants; — For a Boat licence to fish 1000 yards of Nuring gill Nets in Lake Ontario, in front of Lots Nos 20, 21 22; and 23 Township of Saltfleet, on Jos up from Burlington Canal, on the north side of the Old Outlet, the amount is to be,... pd
10.00.

And with you be pleased to insert, the usual protective clauses in said Licence.—

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,—
Your Obedient Servant
J. McE. Kerr —
Fishery Overseer

private! and Confidential.

My dear Sir,—

I write to tell you, that Paddy Hands, set on thursday, and fished up on friday — 80. white fish, — several of them 10 pounders, you had better buy your gille nets, — fish were heading for Niagara!

I saw Mrs Perry, on friday last, also her daughter Mary, — she desired me to express to you her warm and kind regards, for all your kindness and attention to Mary, both to you and Mrs Cantwell, during her stay with you at Niagara, Mary has been in good health since her return home! — Mrs Perry, Mary and Lee, were at Toronto Show Jas, from friday, to Tuesday, with her son John, at Show Jas, and saw the Vessel Blown up, on Monday — while there! —

Mrs Perry, was a very desirious that I should ask Mrs Cantwell, to come up to the Hamilton Show Jas, which begins here on next Tuesday). I assured Mrs Kate Cantwell, — I said Jim she did not have the time to spare, If you are fishing, or going to fish. I felt satisfied she would not leave you!. Fairchilds, has left her place at the Canal, he got $900. for his interest there, from Jorge Playle, and a person named Brooks, — and Mrs Perry, has rented to them, for two years, for $500, a year, payable in advance half yearly. — Have you pulled down Jack Bolton's fence yet. or has Curtis done it for you! — I had every particular as you and Elliot gave them to me, before the Fisheries department, — so we may be expecting squalls! from there soon. —

When I come again, I will tell you all, who are fishing gille nets, at present, — at N. I am going down to Paddy Hands on tomorrow

2,

Monday morning, to get some white fish, to eat, and send away! — George my son, is Home on leave for a fortnight, and about the first person he enquired for — was Big Jim! and his wife (Mrs Kate) and how is he getting on! —

The white J. Paddy had, were as fine as ever I have seen, something like those Grandees!!. you could catch in days of old!.

Now Jim - take my advice, and set out your White fish fall nets, up on the grounds about the 6. put them on two different places so as to ensure success, and you will get a good take. —

We have threshed 500. Bushels wheat, 320. B. of Barley. 200 B. Oats, 250 B. of Potatoes, two acres of Corn, 18 acres of Fall Wheat sown again, and up, and coming up!! —

Great storms and rain up here last week, apples, pears and peas, falling all round. —

We are all well, and since this present natural weather set in, I have got to be myself again, just 230 pounds. — No use in my challenging you to run now! for after we started, I would leave you so far behind! you would never catch me again!

I was at the Right Honble Sir John A. Macdonalds Great Conservative Meeting, as a delegate of the County of Lincoln - from Niagara. —

We are all well, and with my warm regards to you and Mrs Cant- well, believe me, —

Yours Very Sincerely.
John W. Kerr. —
Hamilton, Ont^o
24. Sep^t: 1882.

Mr Jas: Cantwell,
Niagara. —

P.S. Here is a Name sake of yours living in Dundas! — J.W.K.

Dearest Mamma, — Here we are, safe and sound, after a very pleasant journey. It got rather cool! — Thank goodness, it does not keep so light! We left Paris at 7 o'clock, & got to Boulogne at 11. Papa was sick, but not I. — Boulogne is a very pretty place, but not at all like Paris. — Papa has gone to see after the luggage, & I am writing to you, dearest Mamma, while I am waiting for him. — Boulogne is a very large place, & has a great many people in it. — We have got very nice rooms, & a beautiful view of the sea. — We are all well, & hope you are the same. — Papa has just come back, & says that the luggage will be here in a few minutes, so I must leave off. — Good bye, dearest Mamma, I remain, Your affectionate daughter, Victoria. — Boulogne, Sept. 24th, 1855.

P.S. Please give my love to Papa, Vicky, Bertie, Alice, Affie, Lenchen, Louise, Arthur, Leopold, & Baby. — Remember me to Miss Hildyard, Miss Lilly, Miss Bruce, Miss Gordon, Miss Hallett, & Miss Thomas. — Tell Brown, Sharp, Lee, Grant, Kelly, Roberts, Jones, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Sharp, & Mrs. Brown, that I hope they are all well, & that I shall be very glad to see them again. — Tell Mrs. Brown that I have got a very nice maid, & that I like her very much. — Tell Mrs. Kelly that I have got a very nice bed. — Tell Mrs. Jones that I have got a very nice room. — Tell Mrs. Roberts that I have got a very nice dressing room. — Tell Mrs. Lee that I have got a very nice sitting room. — Tell Mrs. Grant that I have got a very nice bedroom. — Tell Mrs. Sharp that I have got a very nice bathroom. — Tell Mrs. Brown that I have got a very nice dressing room

Dear Sir –

Yours of 28th inst. just received! – and in answer thereto, I have to state for your information, that Spearing by jack with dark light, except under licenses or with the permission of the Hon: the Minister of Marine and Fisheries? The last clause of sub section 3. of Section 18 of the Fisheries act, is clear on this subject: thus! "And may permit spearing in certain localities"? –

Trout and suckers, come under the 4th of January last, see to copy of General Letter made by you for that year, dating 21st December 1869 – I give them suckers are suitable, big as much for Bream, eg. only in the season, legs since jack come into the market, then the above jack can be sold for, later on in the season! – However! here is the Whole Law – shall on your case and it is strictly to the point shall.

In the Canada Gazette, dated, Ottawa, Saturday, August 27. 1870 – There is published the following Regulation in Council, and it is dated 23. August 1870, and was made by the Governor General, in Council: thus!

"Fishing by means of nets or other apparatus, without leave or licenses from the Department of Marine and Fisheries, in the Waters situated within the Province of Ontario"? –

I have frequently said, and have had persons fined for spearing with dark light under this regulation in Council! and you can I am sure do the same at any time! –

It may appear odd very good, for a man to say to you, I am only using a Boat with a dark light, or Light fish! for to spear Pickerel and suckers" – but suppose pike, bass, pickerel, sturgeon or Eels, made their appearance, would such illegal fishermen, fish without a license, pass there

your girl by, and go on for Fleetfoot and Duckers". —

As the law is so clear in this case I would recommend you to go before Charles Hopkins, Esq.re J.P. Dunnville. lay your complaint, if you catch such people in the act and he will give you, but you will require to produce the Gazette in Court; please read section 17. and sub section 2, of section 19. Vic. of the Fisheries act. —

I can lend you my Gazette, whenever you have occasion, when it becomes necessary for you to produce the Gazette. —

And I would strongly recommend you, never permit any man to break the fishery law with impunity. — I never do, leave every person knows where to find me. — Whenever you commence proceedings, you can write to me for the Gazette, and I will send it to you: of course you can send it back to me again!.

And so as to put a final stop to all illegal spearing, I would recommend you to lay Rod, Gun, Spear, and Light Jack, every thing illegally in use, — have section 12. of the act.

also read sub section 4. of section 17. by which you will learn that a man paddling, or rowing is just as liable as the man who spears the fish. — and with Kind regards — believe; Yours Sincerely. —

W. A. McKeen Esq.re
J. Connor. Esq.re
Dunnville, Ont.

Jno. W. Kerr. Esq.re Comm.
Hamilton, Ont.
26. September 1892.

P.S. as you have to go to the department, let you are entitled to costs and witness fee for attending Magistrates Court.

Jno. W. Kerr, Esq.re

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My dear Mac,

Your Express parcel has arrived; here on for a little, I have the white fish despatched, and as soon as they come into my possession; whilst I am in daily expectation of the Express arriving then to you by Steam.—

I have only heard of one life being made by the men you when I make pleasure the fish since I saw you.—

Great storms has debarred fishing for some weeks past!—

And with kind regards.—

Yours Sincerely.—

J. W. Kerr.—

Hamilton. Ont.

26. Sept. 1882.

S. McNeal Esq.
Hotel Keeper.—
Port Colborne.—
Ont.

My dear Sir.—

Will you be pleased to find your account herewith. For this current year.—obey the Law.

Yours truly.—

J. W. Kerr.—

Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton. Ont.

16. Oct. 1882.

S. Wright.—

Fisherman.—

Near L. on Bay.

Ont.

Fishery Overseer's Office.—
Hamilton, 27. September 1882.—

Sir

I have the honor to apply to you for leave to issue, for to fish during one year, gill nets in Lake Ontario; during this present year, in front of the County of Halton, and I recommend that you will be so good as to grant the same to the undersigned as soon as convenient. —

1. Thomas Joyce, Bronte, for a Boat Licence to fish 2500 yards of twine and Herring gill Nets in Lake Ontario, in front of the County of Halton, to extend from the Beach in front of the same, out into the waters of the Lake, for a distance of 3. miles, amount to be $5.00.

2. James Joyce, Bronte, for do 3.200. yards. do, do, do, do. $5.00.

3. Richard Joyce, Bronte, for do, do, $5.00.

4. Robert Joyce, Bronte. — for do, do. $5.00.

5. William Ingledew, Bronte, for a Boat Licence to fish 2.400. yards of twine, and Herring gill Nets, and 600. yards of White fish gill nets in Lake Ontario in front of the County of Halton, and to extend from the beach, outwards into the waters of the Lake, for a distance of 3. miles. — amount to be $5.00.

Will you be pleased to insert the protection Licences in each licence. —

I have the honor to be,
Sir. —
Your Obedient Servant,
W. Wilkinson. —
Fishery Overseer.

The Hon.
The Minister of
Marine and Fisheries,
Ottawa. — —

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Private & Confidential

My dear Sir.—

I received your letter in due time; and like you I felt disappointed at the wording of your license; in consequence of which I wrote down to the Fisheries department, Ottawa! expressing myself that you were disappointed in not receiving your license as you applied for it, and as I recommend it should be granted to you.—

By this remonstrance I finally succeeded by the department; a New license was made out, and sent me for you, as originally applied for, and I received it for you this evening; with an explanation, that the Clerk who usually makes out the licenses was absent, and a New man, was ordered to make out the New license, but instead of copying from my Copy, he copied the Old license once again.—

However, I have now much pleasure in sending you license, as originally applied for, and which I hope will prove to you most satisfactory.—

Will you be pleased in accepting and receiving this New license; to return me immediately, the last license I sent you, on the 14th inst of September instant, so that I may send it back, to the Fisheries department, at Ottawa; and have it Cancelled. This New license will now place you on a proper, firm footing, and believe me no one feels more pleasure at the result than I do!— No matter how soon the City gets hold of the Change Reserve on the Bay, you are now I hope amply provided for, against all comers,— And I feel so happy that it is so.— First time you are in the City, remember me kindly to your Mother.— and with my warm regards to yourself and family, believe me, Yours Sincerely.—

John W. Kerr. P.O.
Hamilton. Ont.
27th Sept: 1882.—

Wm Ward, Esq.
Fisherman,
Toronto Island.

City Bailiff's Office.—
Hamilton, 2. October 1882.—

Sir,

I have the honor to send you herewith, for your consideration and approval, my account for duty performed and disbursements for transmission by me while employed on active duty in the Division of Hamilton and Burlington, during the quarter ending 30th day of September 1882, amounting to, — $60.80½

1,	1882	John W. Kerr,	do,	Telegraphs, $ 3.45,
2,	"	John W. Kerr,	do,	Telegraphs, 1.85,
3,	"	John W. Kerr,	do,	Cutters, 2.10,
4,	"	John W. Kerr,	do,	Office Rent, 5.00,
5,	"	John W. Kerr,	do,	Rent Lake St, 5.00,

Total, $ 51.20½

In submitting for your consideration this account, I beg most respectfully to report for your information that I have only been able to attend during this quarter, I have however visited all such places where it became necessary, I should do so.—

I am happy to inform you, that during the quarter I have collected and sent the department, for fishing licences $ 357.50 cts.—

Everything goes on satisfactorily.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
John W. Kerr,
Bailiff Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa.—

My dear Mr Lee,

I send you here-
with, ten dollars; wish you to re-
pair as to time the sum in pay-
ment for Mary Ann's tuition up
to the 1st —

I am not sensible as to the
rule in regard to ~~my~~ age, in the
Public Schools of Louisville
further than
to know whether the child
has reached the age of
Five years before the first
day of January in the year
when she applies for admission.
Children who are over that age
are not admitted, but I
have always, when applied to
for them, taken the ground
that the rule
was directory only.

Will you give me the name
as soon as convenient of the girl
who will fill the vacancy in the
Primary ~~Grade~~ Grade

1.

business and stormy) and I expect
have ~~to~~ ~~go~~ has been done to-day
for I am certain; that noise in the street
will last week; our girls ~~and~~
~~[illegible]~~ and to pick up! —
And this day week there will have
had 1 or 2 white girls in Hamilton's
room of the 10 pupils we might. —

as the girl was all ready for school
may have got her mail changed.

I expect Mr Whitlock will be up here
about middle of this week on his
way to Long point, to look about
[illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ to me
him! — You and I should go in
one of these days, & get prices for some
Canadian girls, think it over &
the next time I see you —

[illegible]

...broke up and gone home! Two months, even a case of suicide, be used for the entire life of ... Volunteer Soldiers. —

Please remember the ... of my Tapes, and include it in your letter, with rest of pillows, and I will ... it to you. — I hope we have ... the ... by these persons who ... they are ... fingers ... specimen of ... hair or ... — ... the Ed ... appeal ... I see by papers Ellis ... Lee ... they ... from Niagara to Buffalo, and visit ... — ... a check the ... Detroit to Niagara! — I know Ellis Hanby; and the acting Conductor I did not know any of the ...

something very stupid about it. — Who we shall going to have for the Lee & Stone Grand Concert! — All our folks about leaving is fine 'ere; and all will up tonight 2, Dec 28, Leonard and the Co- ... while we are only seven in the 4 Pillows. We are all well. I have gone without ... of days to ... a thing I have not done before for years; I will begin and practice Sunday again. —

Do you please remember me kindly to Ellis, Hattie and the Folks, and believe me,

Yours Sincerely,

[illegible]

[illegible] Ont. [illegible]

Office of the Fox River Company.
Fort Dana September 20th 1882.

Dear Sir,

I take pleasure in stating that I am
engaged by my Company to purchase
muskrat skins, and that I am now at the Lower
Rapids. And I hope you will remember the Spring
Lake district I am the only person duly authorized
to purchase for the Fox River Co. and that no person
else will be allowed to fish on those
lakes next spring. Thanking you for your courtesy
in what I can render you in return,

I am
Your Obt. Svt.
H. Wm. Williamson.
Purchasing Agent.

Fort Dana,
September 21st 1882.

I hereby agree to pay to Hank Jackson,
Indian, for the use of his fishing grounds, five
per Cent on the sales of Muskrat skins
This agreement is for the Fall Fishing of
1882, only. H. Wm. Williamson.
Witness,
H. Fellows.

CERTIFICATE OF POST OFFICE REGISTRATION.

No. 29

Registered this day a Letter addressed to

Post Office Stamp and Date

NOV 28 2 OC
REGISTERED HAMILTON

Postmaster.

Copy.—

Office of The Erie Fishing Co.—
Port Dover, September 30th 1882.—

J. W. Kerr Esqre M.P.
Waterloo Corner,
Hamilton, Ont^o.

Dear Sir.—

Mr Alderson, who was fishing with me on my Grounds, has sold the Nets; so I am not just sure more this Year; and so I cannot use the Grounds this Year.—

I have agreed to let him Alderson sold the Nets to, last on my Grounds for this Year, but please to Note, I charged him it was for this Year only. So I write to get Mr. not to use Grounds. Now you make the Motion, that I am apply for the same grounds, I can finish on, for the last two years.— He was also pays — Six per Cent on the cash this Year for allowing him the Grounds. I did I let him have them cheap, as I paid — $100.00 for them, but as I could not use them this Year, I thought a little was better than nothing.—

I remain
Yours Truly.—
M. Tackaberry.

Returned Billy Boats ... was this day to Mr Bennett,
8. Oct 1882.

J. W. Kerr —
J. Bennett —

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Memorandum for L. O. Rountree Esqre
Colonial Secretary
Albion.—

I have to the notice of W. D. Wheeler Esqre
Commissioner of Crown Lands & Surveyor
under a letter dated 15th of April 1852, stating the
amount of money paid by Mr John H. Kenny Esq.
as Deputy Commissioner of Crown Lands during the years
1839 1840 and 1841 amounting to £350 0 0, which
is the sum of forty shillings per pound for three
hundred pounds under the Regulations of 1840 leaving on the
account £10 0 0. which he is authorized by the 81st
Clause of the Regulations of 1840 to remit.

Mr John H. Kenny has further stated that the
present year up to the middle of last July when he took the amount
of £70 0 0 which he received on account
of £140 0 0 of a promissory Note given to him
by Mr Alexander Black of Coldingwood,
a settler who recently told me he had an
income for the last six years in the Georgian
Bay near the Black Islands.

Mr Kenny thus retains a £3 10 0 interest in
the Note.

I have in the mean time agreed to take
the subject to your approval, and the grants
that is £20 for each pound up to the middle of
July last, and £10 from last year which make
£70 0 0 altogether

We are all in good health.
I hope you and [illegible] are
[illegible] the same blessing.
[illegible] on Friday last, and left
Uncle [illegible] Sen I shall
Endeavour [illegible] as [illegible] as
[illegible] Jan —

Young Lange has [illegible] the
[illegible] from [illegible] you to
[illegible] on B Creek for 17,000 ac.
[illegible] Dollars I [illegible] [illegible] the title
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] what
he [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] before he [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible], [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
my [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for the
[illegible] of my [illegible] Lying in the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] the redemption of
his blessed Son. Love and protect
my [illegible] from Hell. Yours as ever.
Dublin 8 October 1832 H. Stokes

[illegible] any petition of hers.
I shall write her [illegible] today
and he [illegible] that [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] of
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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Memorandum for S. S. Benedict Esq.
Indian department
Ottawa.—

I have just had a letter from Mr Peter Lamb, [illegible] at Niagara, about the Dam; a deduction on the [illegible] Mr John Butler, another [illegible] has as it appears [illegible] sale; placed on the plans & has sent Capt Lewis Cauley to [illegible] there & [illegible]

I must you to procure for me a copy from the Government Plans [illegible] Dam [illegible] given to the Niagara Bank &c as a Dam Lot, on which it is supposed a fishery reserve of a Chain once did exist on the bank of the Niagara River &c [illegible] Fishery purposes

A copy of the document mentioned I expect to see the Deputation and congratulate Butler as soon during the Council of our last [illegible] at Niagara.

I have now for thanking you for [illegible] about the case.

And I [illegible]

I Have &c
Stanley Coates

[illegible] 1st
October 1842

Memorandum for U.S. Treasury Finance Department.

Sir —

I have just had a letter from Mr. Thomas Talbot, Pathmaster, at Pathmore, about the Lane: an obstruction on the Road. Mr. Talbot mentions that the Path Station, another Pathmaster, has on it is likely to cause, Pathmaster on the Path-Lane, it has not stop Lane Lumber, the

[illegible] — Sir.

I must ask if there are any [illegible] Pathmaster, Lane, Pathmore, [illegible] Pathmaster, Lane, Pathmore, it [illegible] Pathmaster, Lane, Pathmore, [illegible] Pathmaster, Lane, Pathmore, [illegible] Pathmaster, Lane, Pathmore,

Dear Sir.

I send you by this day's Express for the current year (1922) for 1 pair 2000 yards of white fish Nets Twine and have given note in Lake Ontario — part of the County of Halton. —

I have been directed by the Commissioner of Fisheries to release this Licence and at the same time collect from you $5.00 fee and remit same at once to the Fisheries department Ottawa. —

Will you please comply with the Order at once by sending me the Money. Yours truly —

J. Fisher —
Fishery Overseer,
Hamilton Ont.
4 October 1922.

Mr
Wm Sayles
Fisherman —
Burlington. —

Dear Sir.

I send you by this day's Express for the current year, 1922, for 1 pair 3,300 yards of linen gill nets, in Lake Ontario in front of the County of Halton. —

I have been directed by the Commissioner of Fisheries to release to you this Licence and at the same time collect from you $5.00 fee and remit same at once to the Fisheries department Ottawa. —

Will you be pleased to comply with the Order at once by sending me the Money. — Yours truly. —

J. Fisher. —
Fishery Overseer.
Hamilton Ont.
4. October 1922.

Mr Richard Joyce —
Fisherman
Burlington

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Office Lr.

I send you by this days Mail your Licence for the current year (1882) for the 2nd 1320 yards of Lake water in front of the County of Halton.—

I have been directed by the Commissioner of Fisheries to call upon you to pay the Licence fee and return the same at once to the Fisheries department Ottawa.—

Will you please comply with this order at once by sending me the money.

Yours Truly.—
J. Stark —
Fishery Overseer
Hamilton Ont.
4. October 1882.

Mr
Robt Joyce
Bronte

Office Lr.—

I send you by this days Mail your Licence for the current year (1882) for the 2nd 1320 yards of Lake water in front of the County of Halton.—

I have been directed by the Commissioner of Fisheries to call upon you to pay the Licence fee and return the same at once to the Fisheries department Ottawa.—

Will you please comply with this order at once by sending me the money.—

Yours Truly.—
J. Stark —
Fishery Overseer.
Hamilton Ont.
4. October 1882.

Mr
Robt Joyce
Bronte.

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Dear Sir —

I send you by Mail the
day Pass Leave for to fish during the
current year 1882 — 1500 Linear yds nets on
fishing Station Nos 20 21 and 22 on Lake Erie
on 8 Mesh Leaves for 21 / 1000 / 2 the Leave
for fish then yearly you can also Leave
station No: 23. — I also send you Leaves for
to fish 3500 yards of Linear gill net on the
waters in front of the County of Haldimand
using the same pressed Linear for as
only 3 6 — I have Leave directed by the
Commissioner of Fisheries to return these
Leases and at the same time collect from
you at once 15 and remit the
amount to the Fisheries department.

Will you be pleased to comply
with this order at once by Sending
me the money. Yours Truly,
Mr Thos: Joyce, J. Wilkes Inspector
Inspector, Hamilton Ont
Ref. to 2 4. Oct: 1882.

Marine Hospital Hamilton. Ont.
5. October 1882.

Dear Sir. —

I am instructed by the
Fisheries Department Ottawa to call in
and give to you up your Leases this Inspectorate
of Lower Canada for fishing 3 pounds in Lake Erie, near
Sandusk Creek during the current
year. —

I heard a report current in the
Hamilton Market that Mr Bibla, the
Fish dealer, from Buffalo, it was,
who provided your Linear Pound for
you; some people are pleased to say
Bibla owns this Pound and you fish
it for him — Nothing of this kind must
ever happen! No Foreigners for me, ex-
cept to buy your fish; please send
me balance of your money. Yours &c.
Mr Jas: Joyce P.M. Fisherman, J. Wilkes.
Sandusk Creek, Chippewa P.O. } Inspector.

My dear Brother Harry,—

I dare say you will begin to think me illnatured not answering the two letters you wrote me since last June before the Elections.—

Since the Elections, I went to J. C. Myers Esq. and I remained the day of the for my self & children. I did not like quit I have done this since & you and your Mother which for I am not for you Colonel or he has been for with for him. In an office & changes and hopings with for him, I hope you are all enjoying good health I expect him to come to Niagara, I have heard that I believe Jacob Bolton is securing some lands to the Lake, in the Rice Lake district. he has passed to the age, between Maj Jun and himself.

Yr

the Mails and I myself.

Will you be pleased the first opportunity you have to call on Mr William Stow, C. Richmond, and get you his a Dictionary left there by you, Wilmot when he bought his the Brockville District, for— The Clerk Wilmot, father and son, have it a matter me to get the Law, his and the. — I suppose you have been a moose fishing, or wild shooting down, I will God willing see you, Mrs Shepherd; and the Boys whenever I come next time to Niagara. — —

I hope you have had good crops this year, I see by the News paper the Steamer; Ship of the has been laid up by the Government until the first, I hope you got your pillows, for round your coach, delivered for City.— It has been a poor year,

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I have charge of my 3rd division on Lake Erie; my 1st fishing, has been very poor indeed!.

Our crops up here, turned out very well indeed; our fall wheat, is nearly up this fall again! about 20 acres of it. — How those people at Kingston, will commence getting the steamers on your grounds next? — This fall!.

The Bona fide fishermen, on Lake Erie, except at Ringsway, live at home mostly. — I have never caught any Rock fishing, in fishing on Rice during this year, he look to your Lincoln grounds. —

What a great catch of Sturgeon, the early part of this year in the Niagara River, — about 500 Barrels of 200 pounds each, worth $5 per pound in Buffalo, where they are very fine fish. —

S.

I have charge of my 3rd division on Lake Erie, my 1st trip was for Oct. 1st, the fishing when came up here, for reported last till [illegible] or [illegible]! for population of Lincoln Planers, I applied in [illegible] the month for this year, this I never done! I was discharged at the end of last year. I am appointed in this place at salaries of $250. a year salary. — Dear with kind regards to Mrs. Sheppard, and family, Believe me, My dear — Brother Mason, and fraternally. —

John D. Kerr. ——

Hamilton, Ont.

Mark Sheppard Esq. 5. October 188—

Dear Sir and Brother,

Queenston,

Ont.

Mr. Ellis

Yours of the 3rd inst. was duly received. If I were in your place, I would pull up the Fence, and I would do so the very first load I came, and I would show the obstinate cuss of my life. If my bull [illegible] my premises, I would in your behalf, claim an [illegible] damages for you to pursue! Then sue Jack Rolfe, take his legal receipt, you are in possession for years, then maintain your possession against him, sue Rolfe, the Bank Company, and threaten. Success is yours, if you do.--

Enclose my Affidavit in the Town Duly and I give you [illegible] as given as the Law of Florida, as [illegible] to Ejectment

You must not be too soft any [illegible] you must fight for your rights. Pull up the Fence down, and let Rolfe take you if he dares, -- for 10. or 20 dollars I will be at your back, double the amount if you require it. -- Ex J. W. Keen, ex Fishery Officer. I am guided by my instructions from the Fisheries Department and I am not to be a practician, but as J. W. Keen your private friend of 12 years, I say show the fence out of your land, and if you have any on your fishing as usual, and as you have to during winter fishing licenses for 25 years, and 10 years before that as right of possession; it is a duty you owe your wife and family that you now stand firm, and prove yourself firm, and act like man, and defend your own lawful rights, against Jack Rolfe, a Bully and all other outsiders on your

property.- A Lawyers letter, sent Jas Ralton, may have the effect you and others desire/ but why did Ralton by them, in that particular place cross it not to Rob you, Can't you see it yet if you have not I must tell you.

all this, as far back as the 1st May 1865, in my first visit, you owe him such, and he must use his powers to get hold of your folly under! I talked the matter over with Mrs Ellis and your Mother, prior to the recovery! Such as a matter of fact did not take place from that day till this, his application for the powers, your Ross folly grew apparent, so that the time has arrived, when you must finally put a settlers to his encroachments on your rights - Talk and arguments with Mrs Ellis and Mother, may shed light giving the reasons in the matter.

2.

You have Big Jem, and many fishermen in Niagara on your side, and to prove to you that I am with you heart and hand, you will find £10 - enclosed as first instalment, should Jack, institute law proceedings, after you have pulled the Jews down out of your way, from off the bank of the Niagara River, your counsel have looking grounds - don't appeal, nor fight with Jack, but act in a determined manner in pulling the Jews out of your way. Then you will find Jack with you to have his powers to commence law proceedings. - I have applied for a copy of the Patent to the Bank Company, and with kind regards to Mrs Ellis and your Sister.

Believe me, Yours Sincerely
W. Lee.

Mrs: Ellis
Niagara.

Hamilton Ont.
5. Aug: 1852.

My dear Mr. Bowell,

Yours of the [illegible] inst. was duly received, and on Friday last I saw D[illegible] J. M. Anderson, of steel, Hamilton. I made known to him your proposition for an exchange of your Surplouse, No: 2, for a more powerful one, say No: 3, or No: 4, and the cost and terms upon which he will make an exchange of yours for another.

The Doctor with whom I am personally acquainted informed me that it will also depend upon the state, appearance and condition in which your No: 2, is in! if in good order, he will allow you more for it; than if it was only in a poor state of order. —

Will you be pleased to send me your [illegible]: 2 and I can complete the [illegible] a No: 3, or a No: 4, as may [illegible] best suitable, and agreed [illegible] will send you the same. [illegible] your No: 2, by Express, [illegible] and you the No: 3, or 4, as [illegible]le; and settle up the dif- [illegible]nt for exchange between [illegible] you. —

Believe me, Very truly.
J. W. Kerr. —
Hamilton, Ont.
9. October 1882. —

D. [illegible] Bowell Esq[illegible]
Fisheries department,
Ottawa. —

P.S. Just say what your pleasure is! and I will attend to your orders for it. — —

J. W. Kerr, P.S. —

Fishery Overseer's Office.—
Hamilton, 9. Octob. 1882.—

Sir.—

I have the honor to report for your information, in the case of Elliott vs. Norton, Niagara River Fishery.— that the Niagara Town Council, at their last Regular Meeting empowered the Mayor of Niagara to remove the fences put up by Norton, as complained of.— I accordingly took the Town Constable with me, and proceeded to the Locality of fencing; and found the Mr. Norton fences, in completing his fences (2) has placed a square Box, in the Niagara River, filled with stones; this Box is just 5. feet in, in the water of the River, from the waters edge; and in the Centre of this square Box, there is placed a cedar post, to which 5 stakes, of wire fence is attached, and which completes the Fences, and causes the obstruction to Elliott in Casting on Station No: 3 — in the Niagara River, between 2 Lots, and being the fences Elliott complains of.— Elliott says, the Fishermies departure in having leased his ground for fishing purposes, to Mr. Elliott alone and alford. should remove the obstruction, and so enable them to Seine fish there / the boxes at each end of Bottoms property, are placed so far out in the River, that no fisherman can get by, outside of the boxes or end of fences without going to their middle in the water of the Niagara River:— And without instructions to myself personally, I have no desire to act as either one side or the other.. The stones placed in these boxes (2,) evidently comes under section 14. of the Fisheries Act, as an offence. And with due respect,

I Have the Honor to be.—
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant,
John D. Kerr,—
Fishery Overseer.

The Hon. the
The Minister of
Marine and Fisheries,—
Ottawa.—

Fishery Overseer's Office.—
Hamilton, 9. October 1882.—

Sir,

I have the honor to apply to you, for Rod Licenses, for to fish Pickerel and Bass gills nets 3½" inches, extension measure, in Lake Ontario, during this current year, in front of the Town and Township of Niagara; to. Wilson Kennedy's Harbour, and the Two Mile Creek, and I recommend that you will be pleased to grant the same to be endorsed as soon as convenient.

1. Albert, and Charles Ball, of Niagara! For a Boat licence, to fish 1.500. yards of Pickerel gills nets 3½" inches, extension measure, and 2.500, yards. White fish gills nets 5" inches extension measure, in Lake Ontario, between Kennedy's Harbour and the Two Mile Creek, which is in front of the County of Lincoln, to extend from the beach, in front of the same, into the Lake for a distance of 5 miles, — and it is to be, $ 5.00/-

2. Messrs Joseph Masters, and John Kidd, of Niagara, For do, do, do, do, do, $ 5.00/-

3. Charles Bolton, Niagara, For do, do, 1,600, yards of Pickerel gills net, do, and 800 yards, of white fish gills nets, do, do, do, $ 5.00/-

4. Messrs Patrick Mason, John Mills, & Robt Patterson, of Niagara! For a Boat licence, do, 1.200. yards of Pickerel, do, and 1.200 yards White fish, do, do. $ 5.00/-

5. Richard, and Robert John Allan, Niagara, For Boat licence, do 1,800. yards pickerel, — do. — and 2.200. yards of White fish, do, do, do, do, $ 5.00/-

6. James Cambrell, of Niagara! For Boat licence to fish 1,200. yards of Pickerel, do, do, and 2.000, yards of White fish.— do, do, do, $ 5.00/-

To,
The Hon ble
The Minister of
Marine and Fisheries.
Ottawa. — —

H.

J. Bolton, Niagara! Do. Net Lines, do,
do. Pickerel, do, 300 yards, White fish, do, do, @ $5.00 p.
C. Daniel Sharlock, Niagara; Do do do 900 yards
of Pickerel gill nets 3½" extension measure, do. do.
J. Edward Worton, and son, Niagara; Do do,
do, do, do, do, @ 5.00 p.

Will you be pleased to insert the protection clauses in each of the above licences, in fact, the wording may be in every respect, the same as those Net licences recently issued to the Burlington Beach fishermen.

And oblige

Yours respectfully

I have the honor to be,

Sir,—

Your Obedient Servant,

Wm. Wilkes,—

Fishery Overseer.

P. S.

I have been thinking for some time, that perhaps these Fishermen, ought not to pay for licence for Net Lines during this present year but after due consideration, before proceeding with some of the old fishermen at Niagara, I am guilty due to the confusion and determination to make my recommendation as above. — Yours &c.

Fisheries Branch Office.
Hamilton, 11. October 1882.—

Sir,

I have the Honor to send you herewith Bank draft No: 547. for the sum of Twelve dollars.—

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for the current year as follows: —

1. Charles Burns.— The Number. — Balance in full, for Liners already licensed and retained; the amount now sent is.— $ 9.00

2. Sidney Wright. Dundurn Bay, township of Barton. For 2 Rod Liners, to gill 100 yards of White fish and Herring gill nets in Lake Ontario in front of the Township of Barton, to extend from the Land into the waters of the Lake for a distance of Two miles, amount is the hereby three dollars, as the nets are now $ 3.00

2 Rod Liners for Mr. S. Wright, will you be pleased to insert in the certificates; — and send us Liners at your convenience.—

And with due respect.—

I have the Honor to be,
Sir —
Your Obedient Servant
John Tilton.—
Fishery Overseer.

The Honble
The Minister of
Marine and Fisheries,
Ottawa. — — —

My dear Selcombe.—

Your telegraph of the 9th instant, was duly received by me, informing me that Harry Woodward wants me to come and jail at Long Point, Light House, [illegible] "Right answer" — A. Selcombe.

In answer thereto, I beg to inform you, do nothing of the kind, you would only get yourself into trouble. — And I am glad to find you so prudent as to apply to me if you want to jail Stokes or Hooks, in about Long point; apply to Mr. Alfred Pharel, the Main Steward who resides at the Cottages; he has been appointed there, in the Main Lunatic Asylum by the Govt. as the Jailing Officer at Long Point, and he is the only person who can sanction your jailing, where, or at the place you now refer to.

The Long Point Company, have a Law of the Land in and all around Long point, you see how wrong it would be for you to go and jail and trespass near the Light House, on the invitation of Harry Woodward, who has no authority in the premises whatever. I saw Mr. John D. MacKenzie, Secretary of Long Point Co. today, and I told him about your telegraph; and Mr. MacKenzie, disapproves of Harry Woodwards invitation (unauthorized) to you. — And with Kind regards, and my respects to you and wife. — Believe me, Yours, Sincerely,

D. Oakes, Daily Census.

A. Selcombe.
Port Stanley.

Hamilton, Ont.
10. October 1882.

Memorandum!

To S. B. Rumsey Esq.
Dalousie department
Ottawa.

Please pay to my credit my Remuneration for the Year 1882 — the amount of my Accounts and disbursements rendered, for quarter ending 30. September 1882. —

Hamilton Ont. 11. Oct. 1882.

Sd. W. Kerr —
Sidney Cameron

Mailed on this day a Copy of the Hon. D. W. McLelan's Proclamation, of the Great International Exhibition of Fishes of the World in London England during year 1882; as follows;

1. James Lambert, Fisherman, Niagara,
2. Joseph Hunters, do do
3. Messrs Albert, and Charles Ball, Fishermen, Niagara,
4. Messrs Richard Allan, and Robert John Allan, do, do,
5. Thomas Elliot, Fisherman, Niagara,
6. Mrs Wayne, P. Whitcombs, Queenston,
7. — Warren Esq Post Master, Niagara,
8. The Post Master St. Catharines,

Sd. W. Kerr, —
Sidney Cameron.

Hamilton, Ont. 12. October 1882,

My dear Mr. Bennett,

I received your letter, and Earphones per steamer on last evening this morning I called at Mr. Anderson's establishment, where I found his partner. I made known my business — that I was desirous for your consideration and approval or disapproval as the case may be. —

Mr. Anderson was not there, but left it forwarded for me, free of all cost to me. Thanks to him. — Now then! if this improved instrument suits you; I would advise you to retain it. As regards your why! whenever you decide I will communicate to you all the rest. I hope it will suit you in every particular. Mr. Sam: Wilmot was here on Monday last. I accompanied him to Port Dover, &c. for Specimens of Fish, for the great English Exhibition in London, next year.

Will you please send — — — 500 page Letter Book, for Letter Press. my present one is nearly filled up. —

I heard Mr. Whitcher, is to be up here soon, on his way to Long point: if you have a package of Stationary. &c, you might send it to me. — I am in good health, thank God, and believe me —

Yours Sincerely.
Fish Com.

L. P. Bennett Esq. M.P.
Fisheries department.
Ottawa. —

Hamilton, Ont.
12. Oct. 1882.

My dear Boyne

Yours of the 11th inst. also your telegraph of same date received. I cannot license to you that part of the Niagara River, between the Big Rock, and Queenston or the single [illegible] shall be cheerfully licensed for this year, [illegible] pilotage [illegible]. [illegible] I see no objection to this year, I'll let you have it next year. — perhaps Fabius will have no objection to your setting Evergreen Rocks on the ground as he is not using it himself, to [illegible], and ask him for the privilege — If he grants it, I have no objection. —

I have only objected to you and three American people erecting their Boats near the Big Rock, because he believes it belongs to his Island, and [illegible] — hence his objection. — [illegible] — but [illegible] he is only a little cranky. —

With Kind regards to your mother, and family. — Believe me, —

Yours truly. —

H. W. Kerr. —

Wishing Success.

Hamilton,

12 Oct. 1852.

To Jos: W. Boyne,

Queenston,

Ont.

Private!

My dear Townsend.—

In connection with Mr Samuel Wilmot on your way to Port Dover, to Jarvis, we went over almost every thing that — to prepare for Monday evening by you and Mr John S. Allan, — to be put you would occupy in getting up a Model Round Act. with pat. hearts and Land act.—

Mr Wilmot and I consider it advisable that you should write to me, making your proposition on the subject.— just as I listened to you and Mr Wilmot discussing the matter giving the scale and all particulars of your intended model of a miniature pound, &c. — &c.

In receipt of which I will forward and recommend the same

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to the Hon.ble the Minister for his approval; and which I have reason to believe will receive the sanction and consent of the Minister, Mr Wilmot and I are this evening agreed that — the Bill, Act Title — but you should publish under this head or class.—

Sorry I am obliged to go off to Niagara this morning. I was coming up to see you on this subject.—

Believe me; Yours Sincerely.—

A. McKee,—
Dibly Farmer,
Hamilton, Ont.

Mr Joseph Townsend, 18 Sth 1852.
Pound M. Fisherman,
Port Dover.—
Ont.

My dear Clemens.—

I am sorry that I
did not dine at Yale, we must
meet soon, I will give you timely notice
when coming that you may dine
with me & Mrs Twichell
& Miss Twichell sends her love to you
& Mrs Clemens & the children
Yours truly
Joseph H. Twichell

Hartford, Conn.
Nov. 13, 1882.

My dear Clemens,

I am sorry to be
obliged to say; that while I have
been to Yale with reference to the
position and account of the Minister;
I did not succeed in seeing the
Minister: but I have written him
and hope to have an answer
shortly.—
Will you oblige me by not
divulging this meaning, I was assured
of it in confidence.—
Yours truly,
Chas. Dudley Warner.
Hartford, Conn.
Nov. 13, 1882.

Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton, 16. October 1852.—

Sir.

I have the honor to report for your information that the time is fast approaching when it will become necessary to place two efficient Guardians on duty for the protection of the Fishery during the Spawning season, in Dufferin Creek, which is situate in the township of Gore, and in my division.—

The spawning season in this stream, these few, has been an annual success: — It must be observed, that I again remind that I be empowered by you to place the Guardians, and a Night watchman on duty there, when the proper time arrives, for their protection during the spawning season.— I consider this is necessary, as it is generally about 25th of October, in each year, the Fish first make their appearance in the Creek.—

Each with due respect.—

I have the Honor to be,
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
[illegible]
Fishery Overseer.

[illegible]
Commissioner of Fisheries.

Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton, 16. October 1882.—

Sir.— I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication, by which you inform me of the intention of the Fishery Board during the ensuing season; in which you enclose with Light Ex. No: One fishing as a fact, that the continue spearing of this Kind any longer, is causing a source of thought in my mind, as most injurious to the Herring Fishery and its fishermen in the Hamilton Division; and injurious alike to our Lakes and Fish not known fishermen.—

I have the honor to recommend that no more spearing for herring be permitted in the waters of Burlington Bay during the fishing season.— Herring spearing may however be permitted in the Fish Ponds; and also for Pike and Bass, so soon as the Ice forms on the Bay.— I hope you will be pleased to decide with my views and object;— and answer soon! And with due respect.—

I have the Honor to be,
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant
[illegible]
Fishery Overseer.

[illegible]
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa.—

Hamilton

My dear Mrs Webster,—

I received your
letter, and will be right glad and
proud to have you, soon: I cannot honour
do so heartily.— I saw Mrs John A.
Macdonald on saturday evening, and
he told me you would not leave us
yet: for to shoot at Long Branch.— She
comes here, for the point on tomorrow.
Mr Wilmot telegraphed me, last Monday
morning to meet him at Hamilton Roy.
station of G. W. Ry. to go on with him
to Port Dover. I done so, and returned
home here next day.— he went on from
Jarvis to St Thomas and Pt Stanley.
He is going round preparing specimens
of fish, &c. &c. for the great Exhibition
in London, England, next year.
I am glad to find you

to your office again.—
I have no news to tell you,
except, that Wilmot was upset in
with in place and Mrs Wilmot
and Children; we are the first to
have visit... We went to church
last sunday, and
had two very fine sermons to the church
full, every pew in use in the church
so many visitors, you see church is
here and crowded.— I went to church for,
family and self in your church, never
felt better in my life.— please con-
vey my kind regards and respects
to Mrs Webster and family.— I got
on splendidly with Mrs Arnold, during
your absence.— and believe me,
Yours Sincerely.—
H. Webster.—
Hamilton, Ont.
16. Oct. 1882.

H. D. Webster Esq
Dear Sir

Surveyor General's Office,—
Hamilton, 16. October 1854.—

Sir.—

I have the honor to answer your, March
circular No: 564, for the sum of Ten dollars.—
which you do please to apply this amount
as a part payment already granted by the de-
partment to the Thomas Ingee; Esq to finish
surveying the exterior lines of
the Rockingham Land in Rockingham County.
This sum being for this present year; has
been already credited by me and delivered
over with due report.
I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
John Hare,—
Deputy Surveyor.—

W. A. Whitcher Esq
Commissioner of Crown Lands.—
Quebec.—

"Fishery Overseer's Office.
Hamilton, 16. October 1868.

Sir,—

I beg most respectfully to apply to
You for permission to become a Competitor
for the Bounty on No: 3, £100. sterling.— Vizt.
"Relations of the State with Fishermen and
"Fisheries, including all matters dealing with
"their protection and Regulation."—
Also for the second class Prize. £5. stg.—
vizt. No: 15.— On the Herring Fisheries. £10. stg.
I would like very much, to compete
for those two prizes, as far the Fish. of Our
Bay is concerned; just according to my
own Knowledge in the premises.—
And with much respect.—
I have the Honor to be,
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant,
[illegible]
Fishery Overseer

The Hon.ble
The Minister of
Marine and Fisheries,
Ottawa.— — —

Private!

Hamilton Oct

In relation to your request, I called at Mr Brown and Allen's today to get the genuine of Hymenia. Yes and Lepa: Yes Yes! Mr Brown now! I enquired for them where I was informed that except at Port Colborne, they could not tell me where I could be able to procure any. The price per pound is $1.— I will buy it for you the next time I go up to Port Colborne. without binding you or the contents yours. I closed it up down with the Seal so you will please pardon me for closing it.— Believe you will get white pink now close in to the shore on your bass hauling ground at the Cut.— Lisa and Blue Back Herring fishing is very good at the Reach, and Winona.— Wish you get to Keep a look out for Lumsden's Pilot boat Jessie! I Nothing else new up here, that I am aware of! and with my Kind regards to you both.— Believe me Yours Sincerely,— John W. Kerr.— Hamilton, Ont.— 17. Oct. 1882.—

Dr Jos. Gabriel, Niagara.—

P.S. Watch carefully, how many boats bring fishes by the Bottom,— and who fishes them!— J.W.K.

Hon. Sir,

Your telegram was duly received by me to day, thus; "Come down as soon as possible."—

Just before I got your telegram I arranged to go to Port Dover on tomorrow morning (Thursday) to Port Dover & thence to Lake Erie, as far as Ruthven Centre, on my way home. I shall there in a few days at most, & may expect me: what is up! what is the matter? write me on receipt of this and give me the particulars. —

Yours Sincerely. —
J. H. Rees. —
J. Cameron.

Hon. Sir: See. —
Ruthven
Ring. —

Hamilton, Ont.
18. Oct. 1882.

also for —
J. H. Lacey. Burlington Beach.
Richard Taffe. — do. — do. —
Charles Taffe. — do. — do. —
William Ward. — do. — do. —
David Tyson. Grimsby. [redacted]
Patrick Hand. Merriton. —

J. H. Rees
J. C.

Hamilton, Ont.
21. Oct. 1882. —

Fishery Overseer's Office. —
Hamilton. 20. October 1882. —

Sir

I Have the honor to send you Bank draft No: 532. for the sum of Ten dollars. —

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows: — For year 1881. and 1882. — vizt. ...
1. Mr^s Isaac Culp, Rainham. — For a Boat Licence to fish in Lake Erie. Ont. Pa. during the past year of 1881. — already received, and delivered but only now paid for! — 5.00.
2. Messrs Isaac Culp, Sylvester Culp, and Wm^m Mowat. — of Rainham. — For a Boat licence to fish 1200. yards of legal white fish gill Nets in Lake Erie, in front of Lots Nos 20. and 22. — and that part of Lot No: 21. in the township of Rainham, commencing at the east side of a certain lane, and running on up to the East side of Lot 20. as aforesaid! and to extend outwards into the waters of the Lake from the beach, for a distance of two miles in front of said Lots. — This licence is for this current year, and the amount is. — 5.00.

Will you be pleased to insert all the protection clauses, and send me this licence as soon as convenient.

And with due respect. —

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir. —
Your Obedient Servant
John W. Kerr. —
Fishery Overseer. —

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries. —
Ottawa. —

wrote

My dear Mr Bauset,

Many thanks for the Stationery and Letter Book just received today! also for the close season "Public Notices," — I have had a quantity of these on hand, and I distributed them on yesterday amongst Lake Erie Pound Net, and gill net fishermen! where I had been paying them a visit!!. necessitering, so as to be able to occupy a sure position for detecting them in case any of them violate the Law, during White fish close season. — I have given them all fair warning! besides a copy of the public Notice. —

Your's acknowledgeing receipt of Surplus received, does it suit you to purchase! please

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answer? — And I will then reply and give you particulars. —

And with much respect.

Yours Obediently, —

J. W. Kerr — P. O.

Hamilton, Ont.

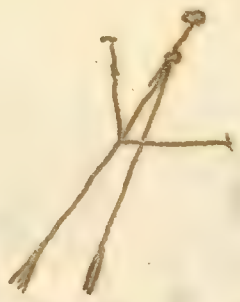
20. Oct. 1892. —

S. B. Bauset Esq
Fisheries department
Ottawa, —

P.S. Ha first part of the season this morning. — Sea on the water, a good cold frosty spell of weather would give Pound Net fishermen abundant takes of Fish. — Ha 10. a.m. Train — left Pt Dover this morning before fishermen came in from fishing up, so that I did not see Hauls!

J. W. Kerr P. O.

Private



My dear John S.—

I got back to Hamilton, on my return to Port Dover, at 5. p.m., and as it was very chilly, and cold, and not finding you at the Hotel, I delayed not, but pushed on, and I reached Home, as the Bell was ringing 6. o'clock.—

Will you be so good as to give me particulars about the intended violation of Fisheries Act, during the close season for White Fish.— You may rely upon me in the matter.—

I drove about 50 Miles on yesterday, in 8 ~~hours~~ hours, and I collected $10. for license fees; and I gave all the fishermen,

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close season "Public Notices," for White Fish! so that if any found Net fishermen, violate the Law, and are caught, it will be all their own fault.—

I will send about 20 printed "Public Notices"— more away by Mail; on tomorrow.— I understand "Gibbles Bay", is to do a Big business during close time!—

Believe me,

Yours Fraternally.—

John W. Kerr,—

P.O.—

Hamilton, Ont.

20. October 1882,

John S. Allan Esqre

Bound. Fish Inspector

Hamilton, P. Office,—

Ont.



My dear John —

I got back to Montpelier on my return to Mt Clare, at 5 P.M. and as it was very cloudy, and not getting out fishing upon the Lake. I determined not to proceed on my journey that day. Took tea with Mr Clark, and then returned to Montpelier. — Where I found Mr Clark, Mr Hall, Mr Bailey, Mr Hall, Mr Bailey, Mr Hall, Mr Bailey

Despatched "Public Notice" above
names for White Fish, this day, as follows;
1. David Fitch — Burlington Beach.—
2. Alexander Rolla, do, — do.—
3. Jonathan Corey.— do, — do, —
4. Mortimer Corey. — do, — do.—
5. John Dynes. — do. do.
6. Rich: Gilbert, Jordan Station P.O.—
7. Thomas Reid. — Grantham. —
8. Thomas Elliot. — Niagara. —
9. William Ingledew, Bronte. —
10. Thomas Mansfield. Frenchmans Bay.
11. Salsbury Wright, do, do.
12. Peter Hall, Ont Salonie. —
13. Charles Muir, St. Humber. —
14. Michael Doyle, Toronto —
15. James Anderson, [illegible]
16. Henry Stephens, [illegible]
[illegible] Oct. [illegible]
21. October 1852

Fishery Overseer's Office.—
Hamilton, 21. October 1852.—

Sir,

I have the Honor to apply to you for a Seine Hauling License for Mr. James Low, of Port Dover. He is fishing one seine 20 yards long in Lake Erie, at Port Dover, on the west side of the Harbour there.— The license fee is to be five dollars.— I recommend that you will be pleased to issue the same at your convenience.— And will you be pleased to insert therein the fortieth clause.— And with due respect.——

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir.——
Your Obedt Servt
J. W. Kerr.——
Fishery Overseer.

W. F. Whitcher Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa.——

P.S. Licenses may be issued, just
the same as they issued last year.——
J. W. Kerr. Jno.

Hamilton, 22. October 1882.—

My dear Mr Mackenzie,—

I was up to Port Dover, on Thursday last, and I drove from there down as far as Rainham; and back again to Dover. I sent you some "Fish Notices,"— with reference to Close Seasons, &c. When you do please to get from the Depd Marsh, the money to be collected from persons permitted to Fish, Spearing and Hooks and lines fished for Sturgeon, during the present year:— and I will remit the same to the Fisheries department, Ottawa, and I will ask them to give you credit for the amount.— While you are remaining at Long Point; write you me to

good as to finally arrange and get the license or Lease for 5 of years from the Long Point Co.— to W. M. Alderson & Co. of Port Dover; of the Fisheries between Ryerse Island, The little Island; and the Big Bluff.—

They are very desirous to get it, so as to commence getting out material for New Pens; and Twine and ropes for Three New Pounds, &c.— please give this your attention as soon as convenient.

I am not aware of any thing New in Hamilton.— I had a Note from Mr Bennet, on Monday last, telling me Mr Whitaker was shooting ducks in Campbells Bay.—

John D. Mackenzie Esq. Yours Sincerely.—
&c. &c. &c.
Long Point.— D. Wilkes.— J. Bureau.

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Fishery Overseers Office,
Hamilton, Ont. Oct. 8th 1894

Sir,

I have the honor to report for your information, that on sunday night last, at Decembs daylight on the Niagara River, in the township of Niagara, and County of Lincoln: at 10.30, p.m. I was lying in ambush, on the bank of the River, on the lookout in company with Mr Constable Cook of the Town of Niagara, when Charles Underwood, son of Mr. Job Underwood, came up the River in a Row boat in front of the Fish House, landed up the Road on the Bank of the River, secured it there, then went on to the Fishing platform, let down the Net, and fixed up Gate, placing the platform in Fishing Order.

Immediately after this, young Underwood returned to the Fish House, when after which, the Constable and myself approached the Party, arrested arrested him, and was admitted.

On Tuesday last at 3 p.m. before Wm Kirby Esqre J.P. I had Charles Underwood, ... fined $1. and $5 Costs - for the offence committed by him, he having pleaded guilty. - please refer to sub section 14 of section 78 of the Fisheries act. It was in consequence of private information conveyed to me that Charles Underwood, fishing in his fathers license, was in the habit of fishing every Sunday night, that I proceeded there on the occasion in, and succeeded as above. - I arrived on the fishing ground at 9.30. p.m., examined the premises and the Fishing platform; I found the

W. J. Whitelaw Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa. —

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[illegible] to receive, and the favor of
a reply as early as is suited to the
convenience of your Excellency, and
Lords, R. R. R.

I am with great respect Gentlemen
your most obedient, & most humble servant
Jno. Jay

P.S. I am the more solicitous
for the speedy decision of the
Privateer's petition, & Prize suit of the
Living Jesus, from the circumstance of
the Libellant's being Citizens of
this State, and the only reason why
the petition was not presented.

I herewith transmit you sundry Letters
& papers which have been handed me
for that purpose. —

I have the honor to be
&c. —
Your Excellency's
most obedient
humble Servt.
John Jay —

Sidney Breese —

P.S. I expect to say: the American fisheries
Letters of marque & states "Jack the Boy"
Sundry" and Gunpowder. —

John Jay —
Etc.

Sidney Barracks Office,
Sunday, 21 Oct 1855

Lt. I have the honor to report for your information that on yesterday at Allington Lafon Private Kirby Co F 2d Dragoons Thomas Lee of Co I 2d Dragoons & Benjamin Lewis Hatter Both Convicted Felons & Deserters from this Post & Garrison Leaving Quarters & Limits by Stealing a Skiff and Boat on the 20th inst on the Allington River & in the Town of Allington, and with the Same & Murder.

It appears that Both men on Saturday Night last Went to Bed Together in their Quarters & Slept Well & Quiet, So that the Sentinel on Post at the Door of Quarters Heard no Noise in the Room during the Night Until the Reveille Beat in the Morning when Lafon & Kirby Were missed & Gone & the Skiff & Boat Left to go to St Louis Mo. —

Their Absence was not discovered by the Sentinel on Post during the Night, Owing to the Darkness of the Night & Stormy Weather, & the Sentinel not Leaving his Post; and so that ended the Matter. —

I have told these Dissipated people, Some of whom only Serve Out their Time, that Unless they get on more Harmoniously, I will not recommend them for a Renewal of their Enlistments. — And with due Respect. —

I have the Honor to be,
Lt.
Your Obedient Servant
J. Phil. Sheridan
Sidney Barracks

To
W. D. Whittle Esq
Adjt: of Dakota.
Ottawa. —

My dear Albert

Yours of 21st was only received, I am glad then to find arrived safe.— They were caught by an angler named Robertson, in Burlington Bay.—

I was at Port Dover on Thursday last; I saw Allen and Townsend found Mr Jackson they will carry out what they promised you!.—

On Sunday last I went to Niagara and on Sunday night at 10.30 p.m. caught a young girl in the commission the girl illegally. It was just at the place where Jones & Jones Brook, with Bricks and Brick Houses, near the Queens Royal Chapel and near the Queens near Queenston Heights in 1812, the year I was born.— I send you four small Wasps they live in a small bottle of Alcohol, and the larger ones in a proper box.— Townsend is making a collection for you in the Museum at Port Dover.—

I have not been able to get any Specimens of White fish yet, owing to stormy weather.—

I hope you will get on to your entire satisfaction with the Minister.—

I believe if you visit Norwalk, of Port Rowan, the Superintendent you would soon find him very useful to you in putting up fish.—

Adieu me— Yours Sincerely,
Samuel Wilmot Esq J.W.Lees Jr.
Newcastle, Ont

P.S. What else do you want in the way, and Wasps &c,— Give me hints?—
and might.— J.W.Lees Jr.

Mr. James R. Gordon.
St. Catharines.
Care of Mr. William A. Lewis.—

My dear Sir.—

Yours of 16th inst. duly
received. I learn you were
filing and tracking the Line, and
I was going to look after you; if I
had not received your application.—
Please let me know on receipt
how many hundred yards you are
going to fill together, I will be
moderate in my charge, and I
will apply for and recommend a
lease to be granted to you ac-
cordingly.— Yours truly.—

Jas. Hamilton.
Hamilton, C.W.
26. October 1862.

Mr. James R. Gordon.
St. Catharines.

My dear Sir.— I got home
all right. The train was 25 minutes
late at St. Catharines.— The sturgeon is
now in the Smoke House, being smoked
with Sam Cobbs.—

The enclosed letter, you will
please address as follows:

Joseph Gabriel Jr.
Fisherman, and Fish dealer,
Lancaster, C.W.

and then mail; all well.— My
kind regards to you all —
and believe me as usual.

Yours &c.

Jas. Hamilton.—
Hamilton, C.W.
26. Oct. 1862.

Jas. Gordon
Niagara.

Dear Sir!—

You will see how much the result of my complaint against Chester Churchill, Esq. / his jobbing Journal, was pleasing quality to Editing even the pleasure, and as no fault was found with it by passing 4 1. fine and 4 6. costs.—

His counsel John Grier was at once he also fined me 4 6. first hearing Elliot Cope in a damage Action which was tried while he was at law.— He took up the Rivers with him and he was back with him.— I am afraid Elliot Cope will have trouble with the Boys.— for he also attended court.—

After it was said in the Newspapers, before me in his private office I suppose it was Judicial complaint! I replied John, you were wrong in this first in my Judicial complaint of you!— and so for the matter ended.—

I found a dreadful smell at the Old Suspension Bridge when I was going up and coming down the N. Side on last sunday night, caused by offal and stinking fish, you or any one who allows such things to remain on the Bank of any River, where fishing is carried on; is liable to a fine of 4 100. and costs.— Have you given Jos. Cope, left any portion of these offal of fish there and if so, who can prove that he did it!. This is a case most unpleasantable and illegal, the smelling Boats on your quay & in the River & the Big Creek.— Give me all particulars of this case. And if we cannot prove—

person for committing this offence than one with clay, or to prevent any one from complaining against yourself, which I really feel sure they would do, if so disposed.— And will you be so good as to draw Mr. Hall's Elephants attention to stinking fish, Vc. I observed on the Bank of the River, near his Lime kilning ground. Read section 14. of the Fisheries Act. — Please tell your father whenever he has plenty to spare to send me the license for.—

I only got one of your Negroes and home here on yesterday.— If you have any News, write me. I send this letter to Niagara so as to have it addressed from there to you.. I have no more confidence in the Negroes, after the production of the Lime

down of here.— We must catch those people again.— John has some of the American Sabbath Breakers as witnesses there.— Robbins and another fellow.—

Remember me kindly to your father and wife and believe me very Sincerely Yours,—

J. W. Kerr, P.O.
Hamilton, Ont.
26. Oct. 1882.

Mr. Joseph Gabriel Jr.
Fisherman, and Fish dealer,
Queenston, Ont.

My dear Hellmuth.—

I received your letter in due time.— In making my application this year, just recently, to place some person in charge of Duffins Creek to protect the Parent Salmon there, during the spawning season, I recommended you:— Having had a conversation with Mr Samuel Wilmot, the superintendent of Fish culture.—— Today I received instructions from the Department Ottawa, to arrange the matter with you.— And as you take great interest in the protection of that stream; I beg to engage and employ you to look after and protect the parent Salmon in Duffins Creek during this fall; as the fish have just commenced to enter the Creek, you will have to devote your attention there immediately.— Will you be pleased to keep for me a diary of your visits, daily or nightly — as the case may be; recording the number of beds and Salmon observed by you on each occasion.— I will see that you are paid extra for this extra duty.—

Yours Sincerely.—

Jas Wilmot.

Wm Hellmuth Esq.
Fishery Overseer
Hilland Creek,
Ont.

Fishery Overseer
Hamilton, Ont.
27. October 1882.

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My dear Wadsworth.—

I write now, to tell you, that you must not in future employ any person to fish your Machine, except your son, Chester Wadsworth.— Candidly speaking, no person save your precious self has a license to fish that Machine, but I have no objection to your son Chester, in your absence fishing your Machine in the Niagara River, and catching fish on all legal times, and occasions for you, and for your benefit under your license.—

Hereafter let it be distinctly understood between you and I, that on no account can Thomas Hutton, be employed by you in that capacity any more: and if I find him so

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engaged, I will enforce the law.—

His language in court was insulting, and his boasting that he will fish at all times, whenever he pleases, and defies me to catch him; is going beyond the spirit of the Fisheries act, and common propriety.—But you know John such is the bad language I always receive from such worthless characters.

I hope now that as you have my views, in connection with recent fishing cases tried at Niagara, you will discard in future all such base characters, from your fishing staff. And now as regards fish caught by you and your son Chester, up to 6. p.m. on Saturday evening, when you raise and lock up the Machine until 6. a.m. on the following

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Fishery Overseer's Office.
Hamilton, 30th October 1882.

Sir,

I have the honor to send you Cheque
No: 514. for the sum of Ten dollars.
Will you be pleased to supply the amount for
this cheque as follows. —

1. John Edwards Overseer; On account of a Li-
cence for a pool in Hamilton on the Niagara River,
in Lake Erie, for 17. Seventeen Nights Stands @
Rental and Licence, supra dated ... $ 5.00.

2. Nathan Joyce, Bronte; For a Pound Licence &
pool in Lake Ontario; in part of the County of
Halton. N. S. already Rental and Licence,
Account is due. — $ 5.00.

And with due respect
I have the honor &c &c,
&c —
Your Obedient Servant
John Wilkie.
Fishery Overseer

W. F. Whitcher Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries
Ottawa. — —

My dear Boyne,—

When going up the Rivière à Guenston, near the Big Rock, on Sunday night last, and on my return, I found a dread-ful bad smell as if from fish ~~that~~ had. quite 4.—

There can be no doubt, but this has happened as a result in permitting those people from Buffalo, for Eagle and Fish in our waters. The penalty in this case is $100, and costs.— If you had any thing to do in this matter in connection with these Buffalo fer-rons. I would advise you and your brother to cover it all up with clay.— do it at once!

Yours truly

J. W. Kerr — J. Kerr
Hamilton, Ont.
27. Oct. 1882.

Mr Jno W. Boyne,
Queenston,
Ont.

Monday morning; all such fish as caught must be removed off the ground instantly.— No fish can be left near there any more, for you know Sohn it causes at the least suspicion.

If you allow another illegal act to be committed, it will be the forfeiture of your license, and the confiscation of your machine.—

Thank you John, Knowing me for 17 years, and almost always pulling together, I would, or I might feel sorry, if I am obliged again to enforce the full penalty of the Law, for any future infraction of the same.— Believe me as usual.

Yours Sincerely.
J. W. Kerr.
Fishery Overseer.
Hamilton, Ont.
27. Oct. 1882.

Mr
John Wadsworth,
Fisherman,
Queenston,
Ont.

Surveyor General's Office
Toronto 27th October 1858.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose your Letter of the 19th instant in relation to the Surveying Instruments lent this Department.

You are informed in reply, that the Instruments referred to in your Letter, are not the property of this Department, but are Crown Property, and are in the possession of the Surveyor who has charge of the Township in which they are to be used.

I might, in the event of the Instruments being required, have them obtained from the Surveyor, during the time he is engaged in Surveying Lots, but this is a course of proceeding which I do not like to adopt, as it is attended with much trouble, and frequently causes delay in the progress of the Survey.

Should you require the Instruments, you will please to make application for them to the Surveyor, who has charge of the Township in which you intend to locate.

I am Sir
Your obedient Servant
W. H. Wilkinson
Surveyor General.

Thomas Clarke Esq.
Commissioner of Public Works.
Quebec.

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Private!

Messrs Wm Bennett

Dear Sirs,

I am in receipt of
—, I am glad to learn
on receipt of it to see
the Violin made up! —
— to your direction, I take a
opportunity to let the reader
of it, to know that I have
just received a letter from
Mr Wilkes, they would not exchange on my
account, your Brass Euphon, would be
— unlikely as to the new they said, as
great improvements has been made since
last summer. — So I just sent back
to them just as empty, a your instru-
ment, and let Mr Bennett, examine it, and
him I said as you giving them £10. on ac
count of it, in the near time. The
price in gold is £16.50 and so I have
just come to the conclusion to pay up
the balance £6.50 and beg your ac-
ceptance of the instrument, as a token

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of my esteem and regard. It only
if you or the Kind as, as a Lady
Singer, and you have always been
so with such Kindness, and attention
and had long the very subject,
and placing position in which I was
first myself, may I beg of your accep-
tance of the Euphon you made and
made treated and trusted (at your hands)
public servant. — And pray for Bless
you and yours. —

I will send you back by Express
your Brass: you may perhaps get
some one to give you half price for
it. — This is the way I have been able
to meet the point; and I feel so happy in
being in the position to do so. —

Next week I will I hope, be able to report
on Mr Whitehead's violin! there are no doubt

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of the spawning salmon in Duffus Beck.
Mr Wilmot, with whom I recently talked
about salmon culture; seems to me to view
the Breeding of salmon as a hopeless thing
hereafter; whilst I just anticipate for to
breed salmon in Duffus Beck: The Creek,
and Mr. [illegible] should [illegible]
be your [illegible]. I am not in the
Fish Breeding business, yet I hope to get
We have had splendid rain here last
night. It will be a [illegible] for
Country, and I hope it extended to Duff-
Beck. I circulated all your Cleve com-
Notices, and more I had on hand, and
travelled since last Thursday a week ago
about 150 Miles on [illegible] divisions, so that
I am in hopes to be able to sit down at
apart for 2 or 3 days and rest myself.
Believe me yours Respectfully on your
behalf [illegible] of Scotland, and Country
Yours Truly
D. Wilson.

Inverness. Oct.
27. Oct. 1882.

[illegible] you by [illegible] about our Fisheries, I
my impression is about as people thy
know my Wish was to know to ascertain
the [illegible] of my report for [illegible]
[illegible] by [illegible] of the mouth of Duffus
[illegible] [illegible] of 1882, is as good
as can be made. The above [illegible], y
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Hamilton, Ont.
30. October 1862.

My dear Friends,—

You will please give your Lessons enclosed herewith.—

Strictly obey the Rules and Regulations for this Girl.— Dont Girl from 1st of November, until the 10th of November:— You can Girl up on the morning of the 1st and you may let Lee again in the morning of the 10th after 12. o'clock. Straight of the 9th such is the Law; But dont Girl on the 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th & 8th and 9th of November, in any account whatever.—

Yours, &c.
Wm. Kerr, P.O.

Wm. Sup.
Hon.
Rankin Office.

Hamilton, Ont.
30. October 1862.

Continued from
the other side —

My dear Helliwell, —

I intended to have handed you this letter, on the other side, having it in my pocket, for to give you when we met on last Friday; but circumstances otherwise arose. — Mr Gordon, as you and I arranged it, will be continued on. We had a splendid rain up here on saturday night. I hope it extended to Daffins Creek. It will cause a good run of Salmon to the Creek. I hope however that Mr Hoover the Mill Owner, will pass the surplus water, every Sunday, when the Mill is not working, through the waste gate at the Mill; and so keep the Salmon in the Rapids below the Railway on the spawning beds. — By the Mill being this, no water will pass over the Tumbling Dam, nor through the waste gate [illegible] of the Road leading to the Village, up the Mill Race. No water, spawning water I mean was coming down the old water course of Daffins Creek on Friday last, when I examined it. — I am very glad it is so, for all the chances will be now in favour of the Salmon. — Mr Gordon told me he had spoken to Mr Hoover about the water passing through the Mill on sunday. — I only require it to pass through the Mill when it rises so high as to be about to flow over the Tumbling dam; you can talk with John Gordon by as you do with me, he is a good and reliable; and so I have always found him. Yrs.
dont allow any of the Salmon to be pilfered. ——— ——— J. W. Stow, Esq.

just as he has been ever ready
for us, as we require of him. —
Please don't forget to come down
as far as Shand point on the 2nd
instant, and if Sunday Night is
fine time, take him down home to
Hawkesbury Bay. — You look
through and find the books for
which you only have
about 7. d. in, about the time
Wright, as he is coming in, after
picking up. —

Work hard unitedly with the
Settlement: you are both P. O.
Members of the community and for
your Home Manufactures protection.
Allow no person to go over the
River, and be careful no person steals
your Salmon. —

Topple the stream, and if you
see or find any thing suspicious,

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report to me.
I need not say
you, as you know
as heretofore, perform it
present and future. —
Believe me, Yours &c.

Mr John Jordan
Jr Farmer,
Duffins Creek,
Pickering P. Office.

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Sir,—

Will you be
please to give your lines for
this vessel your herewith.—
Will you be please to send
me your lines for 45. as soon
as convenient. for the Fisheries
department, Ottawa.—
Relative me, Very Truly Yours,
D. White.—
Fishery Overseer.
Hamilton, Ont.
31 October 1882.

Mr. James Low,
Fisheries,
Port Dover.—
Ont.

Private

Dear Father Jr —

I write to enquire if you have found your gilt net yet! if not I wish you to write to me a letter stating in the particulars if you have or that has not yet been found and the setting net has of that order gets it. — from the owner I said gets not. —

You ought if not a writing known yourself get Mr Keith to write the letter for you and write your own name to it. — I have copy of note send copy with my report of these millions transactions to the Indians department Ottawa. — Give me the date of the date of thread as the days go by, and I will be [illegible]

I was in Toronto on last Friday

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I got [illegible] through on this to you — only [illegible] you on this to the other. — by steamer Sunday or [illegible] — the Rest of the Lines at Niagara — keep me [illegible] on this subject. —

I am in N. Bend on [illegible] this fishing [illegible]

and for the steamer Sunday Sept 2000 other Bills 1,800. Bank Note 1/c 2400. — [illegible] Money + by — do. —

and selling for 7/1 — for 100 — please tell the Indians, the City and they — some this friendly greeting — they be down sick. —

and I with my — regards to you both, Edwin — —

Yours &c.

Jas Keith —
Hamilton, Ont.
31. Oct. 1882.

Mr. Indian Commissioner
Dickenson.
Niagara.

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Postscript.

My dear M. Hart,

I have a little for
M. Abbott & yesterday he was very
thankful for the stamps. He
must appreciate of all other kinds of
fish - large and small - If you
get a cycle of yellow perch, large
ones, and then carefully to me per
line. Can you procure a Muskellunge
If any, then secure you get
any very large white fish &c.
then of one a pair of Carp Cobbler
as we do present fine but this year
large one and the old yellow
Eagle - a Boy pocket Eagle to
A good specimen of white
Bass, a short Eel, & Sheep
Head, all your specimens are
all required. - Yours &c

H.

When I have written - should
write to me one couple of the
lines of the gold rule - I have write
and intend to see you on the
subject, please write me. -

If any Lizzie lives or gets me
off in the Niagara river & lake, you
write please advise me. -

I am at Buffalo Creek on Friday
last and I saw the large salmon
How 12 pounds and a few there
Rather 5 days of last one previous
week I limited specimens of 400.
Also, Oh! last I was there - last
Saturday evening. - Shall be your
right part - your Lizzie Fishing
friends against the pass one finish
We will be here again to day till
one o'clock - Adieu -

Yours, H. H.

Gilbert —
Hamilton, Ont.
31. Oct. 1882

Sir, — Hamilton, 14th October 1814.

I have the honor to transmit you herewith, Return agreeable to Mr. Secretary Gore's letter of the 8th inst. in compliance with your communication: also "The printed sheets that the station of Deputy "Quarter Master General be called to the post with "such classification, spirit, and many complaints "were made concerning the inefficient manner in which "the duties of such offices were in many instances, per- "formed."

In reply, I have much pleasure in reporting for your and Mr. Secretary Gore's information, that generally speaking the Troops in my district, are well supplied with provisions, and in the course of the last month, I have visited all the Posts in my division of Niagara, on Lake Erie, and my Hamilton division of Lake Ontario, Niagara River, &c. and no complaints have been made to me, but such as have arisen from accidental circumstances, the result being always reported to you and the Department at Sackett's Harbour within ten days, during my last visit, which I have visited and travelled over about 400 miles of my divisions, and I am now able to report from personal observation and inspection, that I remain in possession of the greatest part of the Circular as above; a few instances, I have not been of the opinion, in which I have considered it necessary to change my sentiments. I have always reported any deficiency in the Waggons and to the Quarter Master General, and the same duties as have my Assistants.

I have the Honor to be Sir Your most obedient humble Servant

Quarter Master

Up to this present date, of this current year, I
have issued about £1,000-00-0 on fishing licen-
ses, and I have probably received some of the
Department; Others about £200-00-0 outstanding
licence fees, which I expect to be collected very
soon be received, and paid in to the Dep-
artment before the end of this current year.—
This current year has not been as prosperous
to some licence fishermen, as previous years
have been; while this falling off has not materially
affected many fishermen who pay to my Dis-
trict.—

Upon my report will meet your approval, and
the Minister, and if you can offer me any
help, if possible, to your satisfaction and that of
the people at large, over the fishing depart-
ment, as at present fishing act, rules, &
regulations of same, should not interfere by me
for my guidance by the Department for this
to this, and so I hope to merit your approval,
and Ministers notice, for having done my
duty.—

Upon this to your Honour's view; that
[illegible] in this case where the willingness
with [illegible] Police, as special
Fish Inspector [illegible] in protecting the fisheries,
against [illegible] and [illegible] fishermen, as
[illegible] fishermen [illegible] the Police
[illegible] with [illegible]
[illegible]

By [illegible] of 17 years we made, that I [illegible] under your superintendence, have a right [illegible] of intelligent Men the Age [illegible]. But I [illegible] heard men of Knowledge praise and [illegible] upon the wisdom of the Bibleian Act; as well as [illegible], wise in Conception and Light of Judgment, amongst the [illegible] of the Bibleian Act. [illegible] Bibleian, I am [illegible] of being proud of the Bibleian Act, as by [illegible].

There are a few matters amidst, which people, who [illegible] as I have [illegible], like by [illegible] any thing about our Bibleian; whereas such people as [illegible] approach you or the [illegible], to recommend changes in our Bibleian Act, its Rules orders and Regulations of Council, Removal of Salary Officers &c. - I do sincerely hope, that the [illegible] and you, will [illegible] all such [illegible]! Leave our Bibleian Act, as a good law; nothing Special about it; if it is not, Leaving the [illegible] with Staff on the recommendation of the [illegible]; ... to the [illegible] Council in Council, from time to time, to make such [illegible] time to time, as Circumstances may [illegible], K. K. K. K. please read Section 17 and [illegible] in Sec. 9, of Section 17, of the Bibleian Act. "To make the Officers more "efficient, they should be paid a [illegible] "for their services".

As far as the other [illegible] of your Circular is concerned, I may [illegible] that I [illegible] your Memorandum [illegible] that I have [illegible] for the [illegible] of Salary [illegible] the [illegible] of my duties, [illegible]

I will not recommend any change in the law, no matter whether it can be done by natural means, or by artificial ones, they regard to be protected; and my sole, whole duty, and desire, during these years that we passed, and these years acting in concert with me, was to protect the girl, a name I wish as general Jackson, prominent in the Dominion, have especially like me. — I mean a moral protection to you, for our girl and fisheries and protection, as it is much, should be always many fishery officers ~~matter~~. — —

In conclusion! — "It is thought desirable in the interest "of the service to direct special attention to this matter, and "to afford all officers concerned an opportunity to offer "any suggestions they may think desirable should be con- "sidered in the event of any reorganization being "necessary, and to state their own opinions as to whether "or not greater vigilance in the performance of their "duties or any better arrangement of their district might "possibly effect such improvement as would be pre- "ferable to more thorough changes". — —

In reply to this paragraph of your letter, I have the honor to return you my sincere and warm thanks, for admitting me to your council and confidence, it is an encouragement and pleasure to your part to have done such a thing. —

And I beg to report in the first place, that the close season for lake Trout and white fish, viz. from 1st of November, to the 10th day of November, in each year, only 8 days, is too short a period. — A change in this close season, and greater vigilance for its observance is now become absolutely necessary. For I have been credibly informed that on Lake Huron, and Georgian Bay, fishermen set their nets

to fish the close season each year, for Salmon Trout, and White fish ... In this instance the report must should be set at once with first rate and determination, it must and shall be stopped here, forth and forever; as preservation is the first law of nature :— as well as the Law of the Land. — —

I may here remark for your information, that so far as the Fishermen of Lake Ontario, in my district are concerned, they are in favor of fishing for White fish and Salmon Trout, in the fall of each year, as kept in Niagara River", — and go at twice, herring and pickerel gill net fishing, some weeks before the close season comes in for the White fish, &c. — and this rule is strictly adhered to annually in my division of Lake Ontario, between the Town of Niagara and Whitby Harbour. — Besides, as another precaution, "close season" Order Notice, signed by the Commissioner of Fisheries, sent to me by the department annually distributed so that Fishermen may observe and keep our Fishery laws, rules and regulations. — I have some good, noble fishermen in my divisions. — —

Now as regards the close season for Pickerel, Bass, and Muskinonge! Pickerel is nearly right, the entire month of April, for Pickerel close season, would fix it right and be satisfactory to all concerned. — altho some pickerels shown in June

With regard to close season for Bass, and Muskinonge, the present "close season" for these most valuable fishes, as enough for me, it should be, from about the 15th of May, to the 15th of June in each year. — And this is the true sign, by which proof positive is shown that a Muskinonge is not a Lawson Pike. — At the time of spawning of each fish, settles this question at once and forever.

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I respectfully recommend this change; as close seasons alone all other things should and must be strictly guarded and the law be enforced. —

Some people assert that close seasons should be fixed to suit the localities; I believe this myself but in this report I do not go outside of my own divisions of Norfolk and Hamilton in the close season matter. —

The spawning season for our Herring &c I recommend for close and strict protection in Burlington Bay; and I have recently been advised by the department not to permit spearing in open water for those delicious fish when they come in to the waters of the Bay about the 15th inst of this month for to spawn. — Spearing however will be permitted after the 10th of December next, or when the Ice forms on Burlington Bay. — I hope you will be pleased to support me in this resolution and determination. — —

I believe it is considered by some shallow minded ungrateful people to the Fisheries and Fish culture that Salmon Breeding is played out; well my opinion which you have kindly permitted me to give as it is nothing of the kind. —

I respectfully recommend that it be stile continued; and persevered in but instead of planting the salmon fry in any stream, all over creation they should be let into only in those streams where hatched out, for to insure success. — If this rule had been enforced and persevered in you would now, at this present season of the year find more salmon in Credit Creek than were ever seen there before, even in its most prosperous, palmy years and days ever gone by. —

Lake Ontario is the natural habitation of the

Salmon, and it is only in such waters salmon Breeding can be successfully carried out. --

But to bring Salmon, Salmon Trout, White fish, Pickerel and Speckled Trout, to a great grand success in Fish Culture; I recommend they should be all hatched out, and planted in the Niagara River; at the Town of Niagara. --

I recommend to you, for to try this, and I appre= hend the result would be great, glorious, and most honorable in its successes for the department.-

Niagara, is at the head of Lake Ontario, and the Niagara River, never goes dry, which is one trivial cyeuse for abandoning Salmon culture, and salmon protection in the small creeks; situated on the north shore of Lake Ontario. -

In conclusion, I respectfully recommend that protection and active vigilance be kept up, and the Fisheries Act, rules, orders, and regulations, by the Governor General in Council &c. and amended Close seasons, be carried into operation, and the laws en= forced; and this done all over our Lakes. &c. our Fisheries will become most prosperous. —

The present Fishery Act, is constitutionally good, ap= pears to have been got up with care, consideration, study and attention; and it is still good, and effective, for all lawful purposes, and the protection of our Fisheries. — Our Fisheries have a great name in the land "Dominion. -- And it is my pride, as it should always be the duty of every Overseer, and Warden employed, to enforce the Law, and Zealously and efficiently protect the fish, and fisheries. — With you all controlling the offices em= ployed with me, I have no fears for the result. — And with much respect, - I have the Honor to be, Sir, Your Obedient Servant, John W. Kerr. — Fishery Overseer.

P.S. If found worthy I would like a Warden appointed myself. J.W.K. 17.

NIAGARA FISHERIES.

Correspondence between Mr. Plumb, M.P., and the Fisheries Department.

The following correspondence respecting the fisheries of the town of Niagara and its vicinity, between Mr. Plumb, M.P., and the acting Minister of Marine and Fisheries, will be read with interest.

HOUSE OF COMMONS,
29th March, 1882.

DEAR SIR,—I wish to supplement my application for whitefish fry by asking that you direct five million to be deposited in the Niagara river and the Canadian side of Lake Ontario, near the mouth of the river.

I may say in connection with this application that the river and lake at Niagara are a favourite *habitat* of that delicious and valuable fish, which as a staple food and a luxury is equally sought for and acceptable.

Incalculable quantities of the larvæ of the may fly and other ephemera are found on the bed of the river and lake, and furnish food for shoals of whitefish and sturgeon and other fish that take their food by suction. The peculiar delicacy of the Niagara whitefish is attributable to the inexhaustible supply of such food, and the river is its favourite resort.

Immense numbers of the whitefish hatched at Newcastle have found their way to the river, and thousands have been taken during the past two years of such uniform size and appearance that experienced fishermen have had no hesitation in determining their origin.

In respect to the sturgeon, I may mention as a matter of much interest that there has been great success in fishing for them during the past winter in the river current between the town of Niagara and the American fort. They are taken by means of small hooks baited with minnows, and attached in great numbers to a line which is anchored and buoyed in the middle of the current. The rapidity of the current and the great depth of the water prevent the formation of ice, and although quantities of ice are often moving down the stream, which have been formed in Lake Erie and carried over the Falls, the fishing-boats are not prevented from reaching the grounds.

Mr. Kerr, the fishery overseer of our district, informed me that about 1,500 have been caught during the past winter, averaging 40 pounds' weight when dressed, say 60,000 pounds, worth at 5½ cents a pound, $3,300, besides the caviare, which is made from the roe, and brings a very high price. A fisherman of Niagara lately caught one eight feet long, weighing 150 pounds.

Trusting that you will direct Mr. Wilmot to send five millions of whitefish fry to Niagara, and suggesting that they be sent from Sandwich, I remain,

Yours, very truly,
J. B. PLUMB.

Hon. A. W. McLelan, Acting Minister of Fisheries, &c.

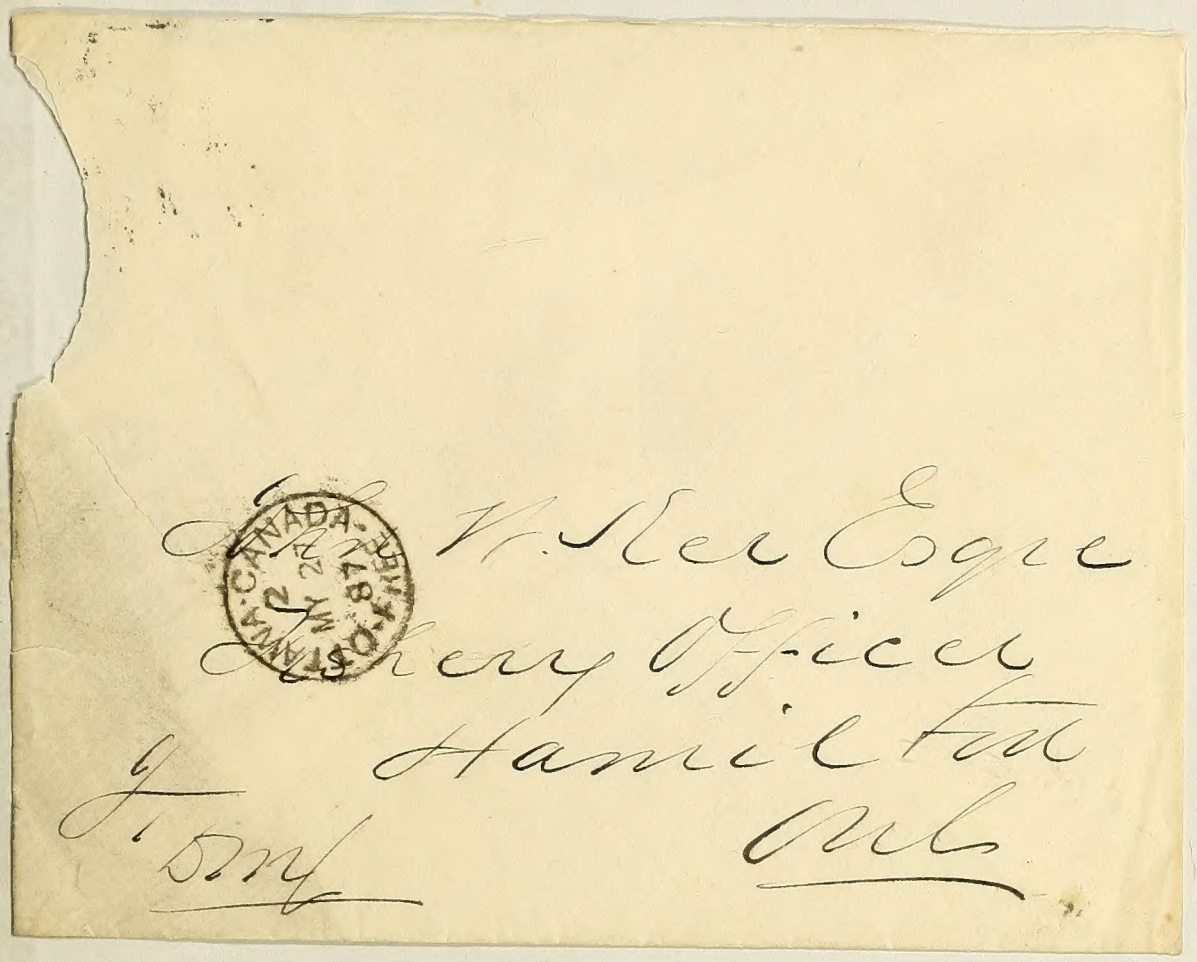
DEPARTMENT OF MARINE AND FISHERIES,
OTTAWA, 30th March, 1882.

J. B. Plumb, Esq., M.P.:

DEAR SIR,—I am in receipt of your very pressing applications for salmon trout and whitefish fry, and will have as large a quantity placed at your disposal as is possible to supply from the hatcheries.

I read your remarks concerning the whitefish of Niagara and the sturgeon fishing there with great interest.

I am,
Yours very truly,
A. W. McLELAN.



Capt. W. Kerr Esqre
Fishery Officer
Hamilton
Ont.

NIAGARA.

Propagation of Fish.

NIAGARA, Ont., April 7.—Mr. Nevins, superintendent of the Dominion hatchery at Sandwich, accompanied by Mr. Kerr, fishery overseer of this district, brought down from Sandwich last night a million and a half of lively young whitefishlings, active, healthy little fry, about an inch long, and deposited them in Lake Ontario, near the mouth of the Niagara river, where it is hoped they will prove a rich reward for the industrious fishermen of this town. It is understood that as large a proportion of the remainder of the five million asked for as can be spared will be soon sent from Newcastle to Niagara.

STOCKING LAKE ONTARIO.

A Million and a Half of Whitefish Fry Deposited in the Lake at Niagara.

NIAGARA, Ont., April 7.—In prompt response to the request of Mr. Plumb, M.P., which appeared in the columns of THE MAIL a few days ago, Mr. Nevins, Superintendent of the Dominion hatchery at Sandwich, accompanied by Mr. Kerr, fishery overseer of this district, brought down from Sandwich